



## **Heritage Commission**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 4:30 PM**

Council Chambers, City Hall  
3 Washington St, Keene, NH 03431

### **AGENDA**

- I. **Call to Order** – Roll Call
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  
November 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- III. **Elections** – Chair/Vice-Chair
- IV. **Adoption of the 2024 Meeting Schedule**
- V. **2022 CLG** – Recovering Black History in Keene Project
- VI. **2021 CLG** – Italian Neighborhood Heritage Project
- VII. **Staff Updates**
- VIII. **New Business**
- IX. **Next Meeting** – February 14, 2024
- X. **Adjourn**

1 **City of Keene**  
2 **New Hampshire**

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5 **HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
6 **MEETING MINUTES**  
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**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
City Hall**

**Members Present:**

Molly Ellis, Vice Chair  
Brian Lee  
Julie Emineth  
Rose Carey, Alternate  
Louise Zerba, Alternate (Voting)

**Staff Present:**

Evan Clements, Planner

**Members Not Present:**

Cauley Powell, Chair  
Marilyn Huston  
Susan DeGidio, Alternate

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9 **1) Call to Order – Roll Call**

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11 Vice Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and roll call ensued.

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13 **2) Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes – September 13, 2023 Workshop & Regular**  
14 **Meeting**

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16 A motion by Ms. Zerba to approve the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes was duly seconded  
17 by Ms. Carey and the motion carried unanimously.

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19 **3) 2024 Meeting Schedule**

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21 A motion by Ms. Zerba to approve the 2024 meeting schedule was duly seconded by Ms. Carey  
22 and the motion carried unanimously.

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24 **4) Demolition Review Committee**

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26 Mr. Clements recalled that Ms. DeGidio had been handling the demolition review, though it is  
27 meant to be a three-member subcommittee of the Heritage Commission. However, there was  
28 some difficulty with remote participation for Ms. DeGidio that could lead her to choose not to  
29 continue on the Commission. This subcommittee would not require tremendous work and is only  
30 active when demolition is proposed to a building more than 50 years old. Demolitions are  
31 reviewed for historic and heritage character. Usually, Ms. DeGidio would visit the property and

32 take photos, but Mr. Clements was unsure if she reviewed property deeds. Ms. DeGidio had  
33 signed off on approximately 90% of demolitions because they were very simple. Once a  
34 demolition is proposed, the process is slowed to allow the City time to review. Mr. Clements  
35 mentioned that some of this work could be conducted via email as three members do not  
36 constitute a quorum. Ms. Emineth, Ms. Carey, and Ms. Ellis volunteered. Others interested  
37 should contact Mr. Clement's via email. He would share further details with the volunteers.  
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39 **5) 2021 CLG – Italian Neighborhood Heritage Project**

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41 The website is nearly complete, and Mr. Schoefmann is still working on it. From the State of  
42 NH's perspective, the grant application had been closed. Mr. Schoefmann's plan is to send the  
43 website to the State and there would be a preview for the Commission.  
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45 **6) 2022 CLG – Recovering Black History in Keene Project**

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47 Mr. Clement's sent everyone a link to the Google Doc. At this point, the research needed to be  
48 delegated. Some categories seemed easier, while others seemed more time consuming; some  
49 parts might be best handled in teams of Commissioners, like going through City Clerk records  
50 during regular business hours. Keene's Assessing Department might also be helpful. Many other  
51 records could be found online. Mr. Clements said that the Historical Society had identified 124  
52 individuals (from 1850–1920) in Keene and the Commission would review all the different  
53 document types to learn about these individuals; Mr. Clements did not yet have access to this list  
54 and would request it. The Commission is generating raw data points for the Historical Society.  
55 Commissioners would fill out forms about these individuals and Ms. Carroll at the Historical  
56 Society would filter that data. If Commissioners cannot upload data through the form, they could  
57 email it directly to Mr. Clements, who would get them to the Historical Society.  
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59 Discussion ensued on how the research categories could be divided amongst the Commissioners.  
60 Ms. Carroll at the Historical Society could likely help advise on this research. The Deputy City  
61 Clerk, Bill Dow, could also help with gathering the City records, which might be paper files; Mr.  
62 Clements would consult with Mr. Dow. Mr. Clements would get the full list of categories and  
63 share them with the Commission via email to start dividing the tasks.  
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65 **7) Staff Updates**

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67 Mr. Clements said he was still awaiting a time to meet with Kabria and her team. Mr. Clement's  
68 would follow-up and share details with the Commission.  
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70 **8) New Business**

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72 None presented.  
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74 **9) Next Meeting – December 13, 2023**

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76 The Commission might decide to cancel the December meeting as it gets closer. If the meeting is  
77 canceled, Mr. Clements would email answers to some of the questions posed at this meeting.

78 Commissioners should not “reply-all” to any emails, which essentially constitutes a quorum.

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80 **10) Adjournment**

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82 There being no further business, Vice Chair Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

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84 Respectfully submitted by,

85 Katryna Kibler, Minute Taker

86 November 13, 2023

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88 Reviewed and edited by,

89 Evan J. Clements, AICP - Planner



## **HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **2024 Meeting Dates**

All meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month,  
at 4:30PM

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday, February 14

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday, June 12

Wednesday, July 10

Wednesday, August 14

Wednesday, September 11

Wednesday, October 9

Wednesday, November 13

Wednesday, December 11

Meetings dates & times are subject to change



Coughlin, Hazel M.			~1877 - 11/21/1885	Cavendish	Keene NH		Died in Keene NH	1880s	1885	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Olcott, Brainerd T.			??? - ???	Unknown	Keene NH		Unknown	1880s	1886	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Willard, Everett E.		Lucretia Knight	1859 - ???	Vermont	Keene NH		Unknown	1880s	1880	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Suglin, Lucinda			??? - ???	Unknown	Keene NH		Unknown	1880s-1890s	1895	Female	Colored	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Suglin, Richard			??? - ???	Unknown	Keene NH		Unknown	1880s-1890s	1895	Male	"Athletic"	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Atwood, Mamie		George H. Cooper	1869 - ???	Worcester MA	Keene NH	Keene NH	Unknown	1890s	1892	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Cooper, George H.		George H. Cooper	1868 - ???	Worcester MA	Keene NH			1890s	1892	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Cooper, Philip Henry			2/3/1892 - ???	Keene NH	Keene NH		Worcester MA	1890s	1892, 1942	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Gwinne, Jane			1845 - ???	Virginia	Keene NH		Unknown	1890s	1896	Female	Colored	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Roston, Everett Joseph	Royston	Joseph Henry Roston	6/20/1898 - ???	Keene NH	Keene NH		Unknown	1890s	1898	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Roston, Joseph Henry	Royston	Joseph Henry Roston	1872/1873 - ???	New Haven CT	Keene NH		Unknown	1890s	1898	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Roston, Margaret Ethel	Royston	Joseph Henry Roston	1874 - ???	Washington DC	Keene NH		Unknown	1890s	1898	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Bascom, Lydia	Lydia Moody		~1814 - 10/31/1904	Keene NH	Keene NH	Keene NH	Worcester MA	1900s	1904	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, Ada Thompson		Herbert Brooks	1877 - ???	Unknown	Keene NH		Keene NH, Rockingham	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, William A.	Willie		10/1880 - 12/13/1905	Bellows Falls, VT	Keene NH		Died in Boston MA	1900s	1905	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Dixon, Roy		Ella Morey	11/1888 - ???	Alabama	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Hackley, Maria		Aaron Gleason	10/1872 - ???	Washington DC	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Servant	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Hay, Sarah		Edwin Palmer	1875 - ???	Washington DC	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Servant	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Lattimore, Rosie		William Tuttle	1878 - ???	Ohio	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Servant	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Leach, Hannah Celestia			1833 - 9/1/1907	Unknown	Keene NH		Died in Keene NH	1900s	1907	Female	Black	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Randolph, Margaret Ethel		Joseph H. Royston	1875 - ???	New Haven CT	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Royston, Margaret Lucy	Royston	Joseph Henry Roston	1/17/1900 - ???	Keene NH	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Sherman, Unknown		??? Sherman	1907 - ???	Unknown	Keene NH, Winchester NH		Unknown	1900s	1908	Male	Black	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Thompson, John		John Thompson	1857(?) - 4/23/1904	Bennington VT	Keene NH		Westminster VT	1900s	1904	Male	Mulatto	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Torrey, Unknown			??? - 3/18/1809	Unknown	Keene NH		Died in Keene NH	1900s	1809	Unknown	Colored	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Wiggins, Emma A.		Alfred Wheeler	2/1861 - ???	Washington	Keene NH		Unknown	1900s	1900	Female	Black	Servant	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Thompson, Ida Harriett	Ida Thomas, Ida H. Thompson	John Thompson, Ida H. Thompson, Walter Brooks	1857 - 3/31/1920	Cavendish VT	Keene NH		Keene NH, Westminster VT, Bristol MA	1900s-1920s	1900, 1910, 1920	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, Cora O.		Edward A. Rauruff	1880 - ???	Maryland	Keene NH	Keene NH	Unknown	1910s	1910	Female	Mulatto	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, Hattie		Ida H. Thomas	~1895 - ???	Vermont	Keene NH	Keene NH	Unknown	1910s	1910	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, Lottie P.		Ida H. Thomas	1897 - ???	Vermont	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1910	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brooks, Walter Carroll		Ida H. Thomas, W. C. Brooks	2/26/1901 - ???	Vermont	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1910	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Goins, Charles			1889 - ???	Massachusetts	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1910	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Ellen	Ellen Brown	William Johnson	~1896 - ???	Jamaica/British West Indies	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1918	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Sarah		Will T. Johnson	11/10/1918 - ???	Keene NH	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1918	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Lopez, Emmanuel		Edward A. Rauruff	1882 - ???	West Indies	Keene NH		Unknown	1910s	1910	Male	Mulatto	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Thomas, Etta			??? - 5/10/1910	Unknown	Swanzy NH, Keene NH		Died in East Swanzy NH	1910s	1910	Female	Black	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Will T.		Will T. Johnson	1860/1861 - 8/23/1936	Philadelphia PA/West Indies	Keene NH		Died in Keene NH	1910s-1930s	1930, 1936	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brown, Daniel		Judson Reynolds	~1897 - ???	Georgia	Keene NH		Unknown	1920s	1920	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Brown, Margaret			1900 - ???	Jamaica	Keene NH		Moved to Keene from Camaguey, Cuba	1920s	1920	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Jenkins, Eugena M.			1885 - ???	Salt Marsh British West Indies	Keene NH		Moved to Keene from Camaguey Cuba	1920s	1920	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Mary		William Johnson	~1882 - ???	New York	Keene NH		Unknown	1920s	1920	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Lee, Henry L.		Judson Reynolds	1885/1889	Ohio	Keene NH		Unknown	1920s-1930s	1920, 1930	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Miller, George R.	George Rupert Miller	George R. Miller, Judson Reynolds, Cora Wicks	1895/1898/1899 - ???	Cambridge MA	Keene NH		Unknown	1920s-1940s	1920, 1930, 1940, 1948	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Clark, Arthur M.		Judson Reynolds	~1906 - ???	West Indies/Cuba	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Dixon, Jacob		Charles H. Randall	~1885 - ???	West Indies/Jamaica	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Dorsey, Charles W.		Judson Reynolds	~1910 - ???	Pennsylvania	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Negro	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Forman, Vincent		Cora Wicks	1911 - ???	Florida	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Unknown	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Freeman, John W.		Judson Reynolds	1909 - ???	Georgia	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Black	Unknown	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Hasbrouck, Dorothy May			1902 - ???	Amherst MA	Keene NH		Amherst MA	1930s	1932	Female	Colored	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Aramilda P.		Will T. Johnson	~1925 - ???	New York	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Johnson, Bertha		Will T. Johnson	~1882 - ???	New York	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Kersey, Arthur R.		Judson Reynolds	~1904 - ???	Massachusetts	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Lovely, Roslane E.		George Lovely	1882 - ???	New York	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Peters, Charles A.		Judson Reynolds	~1904 - ???	Massachusetts	Keene NH		Unknown	1930s	1930	Male	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Strickland, John Valentine			1903 - ???	Little Rock AK	Keene NH		New York, New York	1930s	1932	Male	Colored	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Miller, Claudia S.	Claudia Springer	George R. Miller	1903/1907 - 6/27/1946	New York, New York	Keene NH		Died in Keene NH	1940s	1940, 1946	Female	Colored	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Miller, Grace		George R. Miller	1926 - ???	New York	Keene NH		Unknown	1940s	1940	Female	Negro	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Springer, Thelma	Thelma Miller		1908 - ???	West Indies	Keene NH		New York, New York	1940s	1948	Female	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Thornton, David George			3/1/1873 - 8/4/1944	Louisville KY	Winchester NH, Keene NH		Died in Winchester NH	1940s	1944	Male	Black	Free	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE