

City of Keene
New Hampshire

HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 31, 2026

10:00 AM

**2nd Floor Conference Room,
City Hall**

Members Present:

Cauley Powell, Chair
Acacia Royce, Vice Chair
Councilor Molly Ellis
Rose Carey
Marilyn Huston
Louise Zerba
Karl Sandy, Alternate (Voting)

Staff Present:

Megan Fortson, Planner & Deputy Zoning
Administrator

Members Not Present:

Julie Emineth
Kathy Halverson, Alternate
Jill Bouchillon, Alternate
Connie Joyce, Alternate

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and invited Mr. Karl Sandy, an Alternate, to participate as a voting member. Ms. Marilyn Huston arrived at 10:09 AM.

2. 2026 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant – Discussion of Potential Ideas

Chair Powell discussed the upcoming deadline on August 14, 2026 to submit a letter of intent to the NH Division of Historic Resources for the 2026 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant round. Committee members discussed various ideas and ultimately narrowed the potential list of projects down to 4 topics including the history of schools & education in Keene, an expansion of the existing cemetery tours, a history of significant buildings demolished within the City, and an exploration of mill life in Keene. Chair Powell said that she would work on writing a description of each idea and send them to Alan Rumrill, the former Executive Director for the Historical Society, for review and feedback. Additionally, she would have them available for Committee members to review at their next meeting on August 12th.

3. Next Meeting – August 12, 2026

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Megan A. Fortson, AICP – Planner & Deputy Zoning Administrator

Reviewed and edited by,
Mari Brunner, Senior Planner