

HERITAGE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2021

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting at Council Chambers, 37 Green Street, Concord, New Hampshire, on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Attendees: Chair Richard Jaques, Vice-Chair Jim Spain, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Member Dr. Bryant Tolles Jr.

Absent: Carol Durgy Brooks, and Alternate Mike Dunn.

Staff: Lisa Fellows-Weaver, Administrative Specialist

1. Call to Order and Seating of Alternates

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jaques at 4:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Spain moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2021, as written. Mr. Tolles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

Members discussed the recent sale of the Butts Funeral Home in Penacook and the number of historic artifacts that were available for purchase.

4. Demolition Review Committee – Jim Spain

Mr. Spain stated that there was an application received for 246 Sheep Davis Road. Members of the Demolition Review Committee independently viewed the site. The building was built in the 1950's. All members agreed that the building did not have any historical significance or value. Mr. Spain signed off on the demolition permit.

Mr. Spain stated that he received another demolition permit application for 12 Sandquist Street. He stated that members will review the site independently and he will report back at next month's meeting.

5. Heritage Sign Program – Carol Brooks

Ms. Brooks was not in attendance.

6. Planning Board Update

There was no new information to report for the Planning Board.

7. Council Update – Councilor Kretovic

Councilor Kretovic stated that a presentation was given to City Council by The NH Preservation Alliance and Liberty Utilities along with Frank Lemay from Milestone Construction in regards to the Gas Holder building. She stated that there have been ongoing discussions. The biggest issue at this time is getting contractors. She stated that the goal is to lift some of the weight from the roof prior to winter. Some contractors are lined up for this work to be done in September and October. Additional discussion was held regarding the plan for the existing slate. Councilor Kretovic stated that she believes the slate will be kept.

She explained that there were three proposals from The NH Preservation Alliance when they did the initial review. The first option was to seal up the roof and building, and preserve the structure as is. Another option was to create a park/museum allowing people to see the inside. The third proposal was for an entire redevelopment of the triangle area and around the building that would be something more significant. She added there may be other opportunities. The biggest issue is the ash in the ground. She mentioned nationwide grants and potential for fundraising and noted that this is the last of the gas holder buildings.

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Councilor Kretovic also shared that City Council will be discussing street trees at their next meeting. She noted that there are many trees at the golf course that are unhealthy and are being replaced.

8. Old Business

- **Abbott Village - Heather Shank**

There was nothing new to report.

- **Demolition Delay Ordinance - Jim Spain**

Mr. Spain stated that there has not been any progress; however, members did agree at the last meeting to begin work on the project. He stated that he has a few ideas and is looking forward to meeting again. Dates will be determined at the next Heritage Commission meeting.

- **Historic Photo Repository**

Mr. Spain stated that he does not have anything new to report. He mentioned that Mr. Dunn offered to work on this project. He added that he will reach out to Mr. Woodfin and will start looking into the account and the pictures to see the best way to sort and store.

- **Monuments & Granite Markers - Jim Spain**

Mr. Spain stated that this is an ongoing project.

9. Any other business to come before the Commission

a. Correspondence – there was no new correspondence.

b. Attendance - Next meeting is September 2, 2021.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Councilor Kretovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Spain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Fellows-Weaver
Administrative Specialist