



Minutes
Heritage Commission Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020
3rd Floor Training Room
Derry Municipal Center

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Paul Lindemann, Mark Mastromarino, TJ Cullinane, Nicole Chalfant

Missing: Phyllis Katsakiores, Mary Eisner and Denise Neale,

7:00pm Call to Order
Salute to the Flag, pointing out of Fire Exits, Handicap Access, turn off cell phones and pagers.

7:05pm Review of Minutes from 12/16/19
Motion made to accept the minutes as written by TJ
Seconded by: Paul Lindemann
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Motion passed. Karen Blandford-Anderson to send minutes to Town Clerk.

Chairman's Report

Chairman reported that they are starting work on a Business Plan for the Museum. Karen, Paul and Mark will come up with an outline to present to the town. Paul suggest working with the Economic Development Manager for collaboration with tying it to Historical Tourism.

Action Item: Karen Blandford-Anderson – will contact Bev Donovan to set up a working group meeting with Paul and Mark.

Chairman reported on the Boston Post Cane Search – Lois Blanchard 103. Karen is arranging a meeting with Lois and her daughter.

When Town Historian Office is available Rick Holmes is willing to staff it a couple hours. We need to get in touch with him once the rooms come back to our possession. Mark will connect Paul with Rick Holmes and set up a time to catalog his photos.

Software – Omeka is a museum software. Fpchistory.org is an example of what the First Parish Church's historical team currently uses.

Collateral Update - Rack Card Update and banner stand – Last update was from 2015. We need a new design. Paul Lindemann will work on a new design with new photos.

Museum Update – Mark Mastromarino

Working on the Coloring Book. Meeting with the artist to get the last 4-5 illustrations this weekend. May need a round of revisions. Mark will then pass it on to Paul Lindemann for design work.

Motion made and past that we pay the graphic artist \$150 for her work on the illustrations.

Quilt from the library and other quilts currently in the museum, will need to be mounted and then put in a preservation quality display case. Nicole will consult with Mark to determine what would be needed and come back to the commission with a recommendation.

Next major project is to take down the “World War” exhibit and start a “Shoe Factory” exhibit.

Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery – TJ Cullinane

Very happy with the 2019 accomplishments to update the cemetery for the 300th Anniversary. On the calendar are some new milestones for 2020:

Walking Tour

Civil War Book

Reviving the “Friends of Forest Hills Cemetery” as a group. TJ will take on the responsibility to reach out to the former group and see if there is interest and get more activity at the cemetery for professional restorations to get some of the stones.

Action Item is to come back with a Vision Statement and Goals for the Commission to review.

Recommending \$10,000 for the fiscal year for maintenance and repair of the cemetery.

300th Anniversary Celebration – Paul Lindemann

- Underway from Pastor Deborah Roof a group going to Aghadowey in the summer (July). If anyone is interested contact the church office.
- Videos of the 300th are just coming out on the Cable Access Channel and not accessible on demand or links. Paul is working with Owen to try and get the video files and/or photos from the Founders Weekend.
- Driving tour that Windham created. We need to get Derryfield added to it then it would be worthwhile to complete after the Civil War Book is completed. Mark is going to review the Driving Tour book with Rick Holmes as well prior to completion.

Other business

- Meeting House Preservation update from Paul Lindemann. Focus is now on the interior so they can get the sanctuary ready to be used again. \$500K to do the work to get back into the area by August of 2021.
- Once this is accomplished then it would be available for public use.
- Additional work (Roof, exterior) will be another \$500K estimate.
- They received a donation from Andy Mack Sr.
- History Party will be done and tours scheduled for March 1st - 11:30am.

Motion to adjourn by TJ Cullinane and seconded by Nicole Chalfant. Motion passed 5 to 0.

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Commission Requests/Open Discussions

Next meeting date – Monday April 6, 2020

Adjournment

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