



## Minutes

### Derry Heritage Commission

Monday, April 3, 2023

- 7:00pm Call to Order  
Salute to the Flag, pointing out Fire Exits, Handicap Access, turn off cell phones and pagers.  
Roll Call –  
Present: Paul Lindemann, Mike Hill, TJ Cullinane, Karen Blandford-Anderson  
Friend of the Commission – Mark Mastromarino
- 7:10pm Chairman's Report
- Review and approval of Minutes from 2-13-2023 – Approve 4-0
  - Resignation of Kaleigh Shaughnessy – Card to sign presented to the Commission
  - Non-renewal of membership of Catherine Bauman alt (March 2023) and Mark Wiseman (March 2023). Mike Hill (alt) to apply for the full member position.
  - Robert Frost/Stagecoach Byway - New member appointment needed to be presented to the council for appointment. Discussion and volunteer to email the Chairperson before the next meeting for nominations.
- 7:15pm Old Business
- Museum Updates:
    - a. Renovation – Phase I Project Update presented by Karen Blandford-Anderson (attached) was reviewed discussed with consideration I to proceed – Motion was made by Mike Hill and seconded by TJ Cullinane to engage the team at Bailey Donovan to proceed with Phase I plan as presented spending up to \$23,850 on the project. – Approved 4-0.
    - b. Acquisitions and Inventory – new Omeka and acquisition forms are still in the process of being updated.
  - Blog and Facebooks Postings and Website Updates
    - a. Process Update and Approval
  - Upcoming outreach –
    - o Social Studies Week at Pinkerton – Mike Hill and TJ will help host the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War – April 19<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Historians will assist, reading letters from the Colonel of the Illinois – Display – model of different stages of Gettysburg. Mike, TJ and Mark will review museum items that might be good to display. (Dr. Clark Kit)

- Cemetery Clean up April 15<sup>th</sup> (8:00 – 11:00am and 12:00pm – 4:00pm) with May 6<sup>th</sup> as the back-up date with Pinkerton Jr. ROTC, National Honor Society - up to 75 people. Cleaning group, straightening group, cemetery pick-up group. Working with their advisors to coordinate the activity. Paul sent out a public notice as well that has garnered 5 people saying they will go.
- TJ and Paul to coordinate any PPE equipment, snacks and water plus cleaning supplies. Location for restrooms at the Meeting house.
- Joint Library/Cemetery Tour – May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-7:00pm with 5 luminaries each tour. Erin and TJ meeting to try and put it together the program.
- TJ will speak after the Memorial Day Parade in McGregor Park.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Civil War Encampment – Planning – work with Mike Hill to see if we can use the items from the Pinkerton Display. Paul will work with Mike to get things solidified for the event.
- PotatoFest – August 19<sup>th</sup> – National Potato Day – potentially October. The Heritage Commission will provide the information and promote the day.
- Boston Post Cane Recipient – Time to implement new search – review process and discuss timing. Paul Lindemann to create the press release and send it to the Derry News for publication. Karen Blandford-Anderson to reach out to the Town Clerk to see if they have registered voter list with ages.
- Articles for Newspaper – review potential process and discussion. Funnel through Paul Lindemann (determine who should be the second person to review and process for relevance)

8:00pm

#### New Business

- Twinning/Sister city proposal – Coleraine Ireland – presented by Karen Blandford-Anderson (Rick Holmes). This is located in the Aghadowey area which is where the first settlers originated from in Ireland. (Erin Robinson – Library) After some discussion this was agreed to be tabled and pursued once museum renovation are completed in June 2023.
- William Tabor Medal of Honor – presented by Mark Mastromarino - The current owner of the medals is interested in donating them to the museum. He is buried in the town, artifacts on display, DAR log. After some discussion The Heritage Commission would be glad to accept it into the museum archives.
- Downtown Derry Derby Day – Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. presented by Paul Lindemann – Museum to open will need volunteers. May 5<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Alan Shepards Flight.

8:45pm

#### Commission Requests/Open Discussions

- Fixed the GAR stars from Civil War and we'll put them back up and TJ will be working to put them at the appropriate locations in the cemetery.
- Cemetery Fence needs painting and Lucy Gregg needs fence – TJ to reach out to see what it would cost to refurbish the front gates and Nesmith plot.
- Heritage Commission Charter – KBA to review and distribute the state charter for Heritage Commission and see if we need to create a Derry specific charter that is then communicated to the Town Council and other departments.

9:26pm

#### Adjournment

Next Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2023

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