



Minutes

Derry Heritage Commission

Monday, June 5, 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, TJ Cullinane, and Karen Blandford-Anderson
Absent: Michael Hill (alt)
Friend of the Commission – Lynne Mari
- 7:10pm Election of Officers for 2024
Karen Blandford-Anderson, elected Chairperson (3-0)
Paul Lindemann, elected Vice Chairperson (3-0)
- Chairman's Report
 - Review and approval of Minutes from 4/3/2023– Approve 3-0
 - Purchase orders for 2024 and other incidentals signed.
- 7:15pm Old Business
- Museum Updates:
 - a. Renovation – Phase I Project Update presented by Karen Blandford-Anderson. Will continue to work through the process of removing the items, cataloging, and then determining if they are needed for the new areas. Jr. Historians are continuing this effort.
 - Town Hall Display Case
 - a. Karen to put the Civil War Posters and information to update the case this week and working on a schedule of information to be update monthly.
 - Outreach
 - For Social Studies Week at Pinkerton Mike Hill and TJ did a presentation and helped host the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War – April 19th – Jr. Historians gave presentations and are working with the Pinkerton Social Studies group to get them more involved.

- Joint Library/Cemetery Tour – May 23rd 6-7:00pm brought out approximately 50 people. Erin and TJ alternated on the presentations to cover some of the old stops as well as new people (HP Hood, Harriett Chase Newell, etc.)
- TJ spoke after the Memorial Day Parade in McGregor Park.
- June 3rd – Civil War Encampment went well. Low turnout due to weather, but presentation of the Tabor Medal of Honor to the Heritage Commission was well attended by the family. Medal is on loan for 3 years.
- PotatoFest – August 19th – National Potato Day – Heritage Commission has decided not to participate this year.
- Boston Post Cane Recipient – Press release completed and will go out this week.

8:00pm New Business

8:15pm Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery – TJ Cullinane

- Cemetery Fence needs painting and Lucy Gregg needs fence repair. Main fence needs sandblasting and powder coat. Recommend approaching Goodhue's to see if that would be an option. (KBA to Mike Fowler to determine is this fall into Cemetery repair for the town or Heritage Commission)
- Restoration of Nesmith plot. TJ o reached out to see what it would cost to refurbish the front gates and Nesmith plot. TJ is speaking with Matt Lazaro of Derry and estimates \$1,600 to do the repairs. A motion was made by Paul Lindemann and seconded by Karen Blandford-Anderson to approve the expenditure of \$1,600 to restore the Nesmith plot. (Approved 3-0)

8:30pm New Business

- A member of the town has presented with film (8mm) they think is of Derry and want to know if the Museum would like them. Paul to reach out to the library to see if they have the equipment and then will take a look to see if we can view them prior to accepting them as we'll need to digitize them for use.
- First Parish Meeting Hall is asking for a donation to help refurbishing the clock. Motion was made by Karen Blandford-Anderson and seconded by TJ Cullinane to donate \$1,000 to the fund for restoration of the clock tower. (Approved 2-0-1) Paul Lindemann abstained. (Check request will be put in, made out to the Friends of the Meeting House with note for the Tower Clock Restoration)

8:50pm Adjournment

Next Meeting – Monday, August 7, 2023