

**Town of New Hampton  
Heritage Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 2024  
6 Pinnacle Hill Rd, New Hampton, NH  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room

In attendance:

Mr. Katz (remote, via Zoom)  
Mr. Denoncour  
Mr. Moore  
Mr. Harvey

Mr. Katz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum present and reviewed the agenda:

1. Approve Minutes
  2. Goals for 2024
  3. Grants
    - a. 2024 Mooseplate grant
    - b. National Park Service Grant
  4. Any other business
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1. The minutes from 7/24/23 and 7/31/23 were reviewed and unanimously accepted.
  2. The commission discussed and agreed that the two top goals for the commission in 2024 would be:
    - a. Education
      - i. Educating the Town on the historic background of the Town House and why repairs are needed.
      - ii. Opportunities include enhanced displays at Town Meeting and Old Home Day.
      - iii. Invitations to speakers could include Mae Williams (HBA consultant) and faculty speakers from PSU
    - b. Grants
      - i. Mooseplate Grant – the commissioners agreed that we should re-submit our 2023 Mooseplate grant application with enhanced text on water infiltration. Mr. Moore and Mr. Denoncour will act on this item.
      - ii. National Park Service (NPS) is offering a Semiquincentennial Grant Opportunity with Awards for physical preservation projects are \$75,000 - \$750,000. It applies to work to properties owned by entities other than the state. This includes properties owned by local governments, nonprofits, tribes and other applicant types. Applications are due March 5, 2024.  
  
Mr. Katz explained that Federal grant applications can be difficult and likely beyond the capabilities of the commissioners. He suggested the commission find a grant writing consultant to prepare a grant for the full recommended value of the town house repairs estimated at over \$400,000 in the HBA. Mr. Katz will contact a grant writing consultancy named Quill, which has been previously used by the Canterbury Shaker Village. Mr. Katz asked the commission to authorize a budget value of up to \$5,000 from the Heritage Fund for the purpose of discussion with consultants. The commission vote was unanimous for this purpose. A separate vote to authorize expending funds from the Heritage Fund will be held once a firm priced proposal is in hand.
      - iii. Other Grants – The commission discussed other sources of grants from organizations such as Daughters of the American Revolution and 1772 Foundation. Grants from these organizations typically do not exceed \$10,000-\$15,000.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM