

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024
6:00 PM at the Town Office Upstairs Meeting Room

Mr. Katz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mr. Katz, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Denoncour and Ms. Bausor. Mr. Katz appointed Ms. Bausor to vote in the absence of Mr. Moore. A quorum was present.

Meeting minutes from 3/18/24 were reviewed and unanimously accepted as submitted.

Grants and grant status was reviewed. The 2024 Mooseplate grant is pending a decision, usually in October. Ms. Bausor agreed to research NPS grants and prepare a summary for the next meeting. She addressed a possible additional grant source called “Americana’s Corner” [Grant Program — Americana Corner](#). It was noted that most government sourced grants require substantial effort to apply for and administer if received. The consensus of the Commissioners was that the Commissions should carefully consider all facets of a grant before applications are submitted.

The RSAs grant authority to the Commission to receive donations. This discussion became focused on approaching the New Hampton School for support to enable repairs to the Town House. There is a deep historic connection between the NHS and the “Old Institution” location currently occupied by the Town House. Mr. Denoncour will engage Mr. Bicknell of the Historic Society to draft a presentation to the NHS to explore that connection for the purpose of project support.

The display board for the Town House project remains in the Town House. Mr. Denoncour offered to be present to facilitate visitor discussions about the project.

Mr. Katz learned of a Heritage Hero award from a colleague in Moultonborough and suggested the Commission sponsor a similar award for New Hampton. Ms. Bausor offered some recommendations for application and qualification. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to pursue the ideal for discussion at the next meeting.

The Commissioners discussed preparation of a warrant article to appropriate funds for some of the front-end scope of the Town House repairs. The decision was made to begin that process after receiving disposition of the 2024 Mooseplate grant in October.

The next meeting of the Commission will be in October, date and time to be determined after receipt of the 2024 Mooseplate grant.

For other business, Mr. Katz presented a possible preservation activity that could be sponsored by the Heritage Commission related to headstone rehabilitation. An event of this nature was successfully conducted by the Town of Bristol earlier in the year. Ms. Bausor had attempted to contact the New Hampshire Old Gravestone Association about planning a workshop in 2025 and is awaiting a reply. The Commissioners endorsed the idea.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 was unanimously voted by those present.