

Exeter Heritage Commission

May 11, 2016

Final Minutes

Members present: John Merkle, Chairman, Pam Gjettum, Julie Gilman, Mary Dupre

Chairman Merkle called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

First Business: Approval of minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting. Not all of the members had a chance to review last month's minutes, so they will be approved at next month's meeting. John will e-mail all the minutes so they can review.

Next on the agenda is the LChip grant. Julie stated that they had talked about doing the LChip for the Winter Street Cemetery and the quote that was received was for 100 stones and there are 500 total, she thinks. Julie then asked if the commission wanted to propose this and do it in phases. Pam said yes, they should. John asked if it was \$22,000 for the stones and Julie said it was and it was a guess as to what the cost would be. Julie then stated that there is \$10,500 in the budget to match it. Julie then stated that she and Kelly went to last year's mandatory meeting and she believes it is still adequate for this year. John asked if the town would be asking for anything else. Julie asked if he was talking about the LChip and she stated that she did not believe so. John then asked if the commission should make a recommendation to the selectmen that they do this. Julie stated that the commission could just apply for it. What happens if the commission is awarded the grant, the selectmen will accept it and this is the only thing they need to do. John then asked if the commission needed to vote on this. Julie stated that she did not think so. She will start the application but she may need people to help her with photos, etc. Pam stated that Bonnie has a whole pile of photos. Julie stated that she thought at some point they would need some of the money they have for the Heritage Commission to use for the HDC Grant, but the contract was renegotiated and they do not have to.

Julie then stated that for next month's meeting, the commission should have a preliminary package from our consultant from the HDC for the commission to review. It is supposed to be ready at the beginning of June. John asked if they would be getting this prior to the meeting and Julie stated that she is hoping so because she has to make a quarterly report in June. John then stated that the minutes will reflect all of this and Julie will start the application.

Next is discussion on the Great Dam mitigation. Julie stated that the River Study Committee discussed the mitigation because the bid for the demolition of the dam was awarded a few weeks ago and the price was higher by about \$150,000. Then they talked a little bit about where we can do things. They still left the \$30,000 that we were budgeted for mitigation. John then stated that it is not going to get done unless it gets mitigated. Julie stated that Frank Ferraro asked if the Heritage Commission could find grants for this. Julie stated that this was not the commission's choice. The River Committee left it there because there was no one from the Heritage Commission there to represent or answer any questions. John stated that the commission cannot get a grant for that. Julie stated not in the timeframe that we have to do it. John then stated that he is not sure this would even be allowed. He stated all of this money for two different places for demolition and the 106 is a required mandated piece. John then asked Julie where this stands. Julie stated that Paul is supposed to meet with the

commission but he is on vacation this week. Julie then stated that when the commission met with Rita, this was outside of the commission's prerogative. Julie stated that Rita said the glass piece had already been cut out and no one told the commission this, so she is not sure where Rita got this information.

The other thing was that the commission talked about the sign and that it was going to be text only because that is what Rita talked about. Pam stated that she wanted pictures and they sent her some. Julie stated that they sent Rita off with pictures and Paul had no clue that the commission was going to do this and Julie stated that she had no clue that they were not going to do this. Julie stated that she does not know where this is because unless Paul has stopped Rita, she is working on something.

The River Study Committee is expecting a sign that is only text, but Rita said the State told her we don't do that for things that have been demolished. Julie then stated that the commission is in the middle of something. Julie made a proposal to go to the next River Study Committee meeting because Paul will be there. John asked when the next meeting was. John stated that they thought this was all done. Julie stated she thought so too, but they discussed the help of the river, not just the dam. Julie then tried to find the date of the next meeting and they are not meeting in June, July or August. Pam stated that she sees Lionel at the Historical Society and she will ask him when the next meeting is. John asked Julie if there was a break down in cost to save the head works. Julie does not think so. John asked if it would be cheaper or more expensive to take it out. Julie stated that what she understands from the Memorandum of Agreement is that the head works are coming out and being put in Founders Park and it would be just the mechanics. John stated that he thought it was being maintained in place. Pam also thought this and stated she thought they were very clear on this. John stated that he thinks they should clarify with Lionel what they are thinking is going to happen there. Pam will ask Lionel when the next meeting is. If they are not meeting over the summer, she will ask him to attend the Heritage's meeting next month. Julie stated that she will ask Paul to come too. John stated that June 8th is the commission's next meeting. John asked if the demolition proposal was posted anywhere that could be looked at. Julie is not sure. Julie stated that they signed the contract even though it was over the amount.

John stated the Winter Street Cemetery does not have to be discussed and it will just be combined in with the LChip piece.

Next is the Demolition Review. Julie stated that the Cage is coming down. The academy is doing a report for their archives and she asked for a copy of it for the commission. Julie told the commission that she asked Roger Wakeman to do a presentation about it.

Other Business: Election of Officers will be done at the next meeting on June 8th. Pam stated that one of the things that the All Boards was talking about was to do flow charts so that we find out when things are being done. John asked when the next All Boards Meeting was. It is scheduled for June 15th at 6 pm but where it will be held has not been determined as of yet.

With no further business, John made a motion to adjourn. Mary seconded. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary