

Heritage Commission  
Final Minutes  
February 21, 2024

Call Meeting to Order: John Merkle, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Novak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members Present: John Merkle, Vice Chair, Pam Gjettum, Bill Campbell, John Grueter, Planning Board Rep., Francoise Elise  
Dave Sharples, Town Planner was present.

New Business: Public Hearing: First business is the review of minutes from the January 24th, 2024 meeting. John Merkle made a motion to accept the minutes. Pam seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as presented.

Next is the request for commission recommendations on the acquisition of 0.45 acres from 8 Hampton Road (Tax Map 69, Lot 6), to be combined with 4 Hampton Road (Tax Map 69, Lot 4) for the purposes of acquiring the land supporting and surrounding Planet Playground.

Dave spoke about this. He told the commission that on the plan they have, what you are looking at is Parcel A and it says the existing playground. Where it says new area, the 5.32 acres houses a medical place. Planet Playground has been located on their property for many years. When it was discovered, the

owners were generous enough to do a land lease for us and lease the land for a dollar a year. The property changed hands a couple of times and we approached the current owner about purchasing it. They went to the Planning Board and the plan you have in front of you was approved by the Planning Board. This basically carves out Parcel A.

Bill made a motion that the commission recommend to the Select Board that they acquire the 0.45 acres on Hampton Road. Pam seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

John Merkle said the HC recommends that it proceeds. Pam asked Dave if he would inform the Select Board and he said he would take care of it.

Next on the agenda is the continued review of the Commission's Rules of Procedures. John Merkle said he has it on the agenda, but there is nothing else to discuss on this.

Other Business: Dave said, I spoke with Julie and she had a discussion with Francoise about a facade program and she mentioned a few avenues. I told her that I would start looking into them.

With no further business, John Merkle made a motion to adjourn. Francoise seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick  
Recording Secretary