

**HERITAGE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

Held on July 14, 2020

minutes approved on September-08-2020

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Heritage Commission held a remote meeting pursuant to Governor Sununu's Order #12 related to public meetings. The Litchfield Heritage Commission held a remote meeting via Webex on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karl Franck – Chairman, Kimberly Queenan - Vice-Chairman, Steven Calawa.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Lascelles – Selectmen's Rep., Harry Menzigian.

ALSO PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Karl Franck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Steven C. made a motion to approve the January-14-2020 Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Kim Q. **Motion passes (3,0,0).**

2. Requests from members to add or delete Agenda Items: None

3. Public Input: None

4. New Demolition Applications: None

5. Continuing Discussion of Previous Business:

a. Demolition Request at 16 Colby Road, Litchfield, NH.

Action taken since the last the HC Meeting:

- Photos were taken of the property.
- The demolition permit was approved. Owner has 6 months to do this.

Discussions during this HC Meeting:

- Steven C. spoke with the owner and the demolition is on hold. Due to COVID-19 and the downturn in the economy, the owner does not need additional storage space now, therefore the owner of the property does not need to demolish this property yet.

b. Demolition Request at 146 Page Road, Litchfield, NH.

Action taken since the last the HC Meeting:

- Photos have NOT yet been taken of the property.

Discussions during this HC Meeting:

- Steven C. stated the owners agreed to allow photos to be taken after they have cleaned up the property and emptied out the house.

6. New Business:

a. Steven C: Old Ferry Site, Litchfield, NH.

- Steven C. stated that the Litchfield Historical Society will be holding a brief outdoor meeting (due to COVID-19) on July-25-2020. One of the items to be discussed is the Old Ferry Site. He invited the Heritage Commission to attend, since they may want to add input.
- Steven C. said the Old Ferry Site is important to the State of New Hampshire, as well as to the Town of Litchfield.
- Steven C. suggested that the Old Ferry Site should not be improved or altered. He recommended keeping it as an Historic Conservation Site, not a Recreational Site.
- Heritage Commission members agreed it is nice to see the River in that area now, since the trees and brush have been cleared.

- Karl F. asked if Steven C. was talking with Jayson Brennen. Steven C. replied “yes”, that:
 - 1) Jayson B. made a sign for the Litchfield Historical Society, and
 - 2) They were discussing putting fencing along the bank of the river instead of near the road, because in the past, when there were big events in that area (weddings, funerals, Memorial Day Services), that people use to park there. They both wanted a fence that would not interfere with the scenic vista.

- Steven C. suggested that the Old Ferry Site and Muster Grounds should be placed onto the NH Register of Historic Places.

Steven C. makes a MOTION to adjourn, seconded by Kim Q. **Motion carries (3,0,0).**
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kimberly Queenan