

**HERITAGE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

Held on January 12, 2021

minutes approved on February-09-2021

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, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Lascelles – Selectmen's Rep.

ALSO PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Karl Franck called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Harry M. made a **MOTION** to approve the December-8-2020 Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Steven C. The motion carries by roll call vote 4-0-0.

2. Requests from Members to Add or Delete Agenda Items:

- Kim Q: For reporting purposes, the Selectmen's Office staff needs the Heritage Commission members to provide them with their term end dates.

3. Public Input: None

4. Review Town Report Statement:

- Members suggested to explicitly list the 2 properties that requested demolition permits, which were located at 146 Page Road and 16 Colby Road. Karl F. will review the past Meeting Minutes to insure those were the only two properties.

- Steven C: In regard to 16 Colby Road, which has been demolished, I asked the owner if he could save the old large doorstep. I would like to have it placed it onto the grounds of the Litchfield Historical Society. The doorstep is very heavy, and I spoke with the Chair of the Beautification Committee, about potentially moving it at a later date.

5. Annual Vote on Committee Officers (Heritage Commission By-Law VII):

- Kim Q. expressed interest in being Chairman.
Harry M. makes a **MOTION** seconded by Steven C. to elect Kim Q. as Chairman. The motion carries by roll call vote 4-0-0.
- Karl F. expressed interest in being Vice-Chairman.
Harry M. makes a **MOTION** seconded by Steven C. to elect Karl F. as Vice-Chairman. The motion carries by roll call vote 4-0-0.
- No one expressed interest in being Secretary/Clerk.
Kim Q. makes a **MOTION** seconded by Karl F., Steven C. and Harry M. at the same time, to leave the Secretary/Clerk officer role vacant for now, and that maybe a new member will want this role. The motion carries by roll call vote 4-0-0.

6. New Demolition Applications: None

7. Continuing Discussion of Previous Business:

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

- Photos were already taken of the property.
- Building was demolished since our last meeting.

8. New Business:

- Steven C: Robert Perry, who finds locations of bodies in unmarked graves, has done past work in the Litchfield cemeteries. He (R. Perry) said that he would do a scanning of the Old Cemetery section, across from the Historical Society building.

9. Other Business:

a. Proposed New Gas Station near Moore's Falls

- Harry M. said that the Conservation Commission did a site walk of this area. Harry M. said that the surveyor had a 30-to-40 year-old map of this area,

that showed there used to be buildings there. Steven C. said yes, there were cottages and shacks there, for the people who worked the locks for the river traffic.

- Per Steven C. when boats would get into shallow water (like the area near the existing Budweiser plant), locks were used to pull the boats into deeper water. Also, near Moore's Falls, where there are rapids, locks were used to get boats past/through the rapids.
- Harry M. asked if Robert Perry should also scan for unmarked graves in this area. Steven C. said that since the Moore's Falls area has rapids, natives might have fished in that area, and they could have built encampments -- and that bodies could be there. Steven C. said yes, that it made sense for Robert Perry to scan the area.
- Kim Q. stated that proposed new gas station has not been in front of the Planning Board yet. Harry M. said that the Conservation Commission has one more site walk to do, then it will go back to Zoning.

Steven C. made a **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Harry M. The motion carries by roll call vote 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kimberly Queenan – Chairman