

MINUTES

WOLFEBORO HERITAGE COMMISSION

MARCH 13, 2024 MEETING

Maggie Stier opened the meeting at 5:07pm at the town hall annex meeting room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Maggie Stier, chair
- Suzanne Ryan, vice chair
- Anne Blodgett
- Dave Bolduc
- Mark Lush, alternate

Members Absent:

- Vaune Dugan
- Andrea Dudley

Guests:

- Howard Lowe
- Brian Deshais, selectman

Members present: accepted the February minutes as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The following members announced that they will be stepping down from the Commission:

- Maggie Stier; effective 3/30/24
- Suzanne Ryan; effective 3/30/24
- Anne Blodgett; effective 3/30/24

Potential nominees to the Commission

- Harold Lowe was in attendance and expressed an interest in learning more about our Commission.
- We can have up to seven members and five alternates, stated Maggie. Everyone agreed that we need to get the word out that the Commission needs new members.
- The BOS approves all nominations to the Heritage Commission. Maggie will notify the selectmen's office of vacancies so they can post them.
- Interested persons should send a letter to the BOS, via Amy Capone-Muccio, expressing an interest in serving on the Commission.

TOWNWIDE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE:

- Maggie and Lisa Mausolf have been working at finalizing data to be included in the final version of the Townwide Area Form for Historic Resources (survey).

- Suzanne presented information about Historic District Commissions that once existed in town (formed ~1975). The Commission consisted of two districts: North Wolfeboro Historic Commission and Cottonboro Historic Association. The Commission was eliminated in 2010 but the districts still exist. This information will be included in the Survey form.
- A conversation ensued regarding the workings of Historic Associations/Districts.

DISCUSSION:

- How to address applications for town demolition permits and how the Commission can advocate for intervention and guidance. The HC has asked and continues to request that we receive notification from the Planning Department and Code Enforcement office when any building constructed before 1960 is going to be demolished. The demolition of 71 North Main Street this week sparked the discussion. This is a significant loss to the character of the street and history of the area.
- Compliance with existing code regulations.

HISTORIC AWARDS PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Ceremony date: 05/29/2024.
- Venue: Village Players, Glendon Street
- Sponsors: Lake Winni Team - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Verani Realty (Ronn Bronzetti and Sara Reineman)
- The group discussed possible nominees that included both commercial, non-profit, and residential buildings as well as individuals.

Maggie mentioned that The NH Preservation Alliance is hosting their Annual "OLD HOME AND BARN EXPO" this weekend and encouraged attendance by handing out passes.

Maggie asked to adjourn the meeting. Anne Blodgett seconded, all approved.

Submitted: David Bolduc 03/15/2024