

Hogback Preservation Commission
Annual Meeting - Monday March 12, 2018 at 5 p.m.
Marlboro, Vermont Town Office
Minutes

Present: Mike Purcell (chair), Christine Colella, Sarah Grant, Ed Metcalfe, Malcolm Moore

Absent: David Elliot

Guest: Diana Todd, for HMCA

1. Call to Order: 5:05pm

2. Review of Agenda

3. Election of officers: Mike Purcell – Chair
Malcolm Moore - Vice-Chair

4. Rules of Procedure: were re-adopted unanimously

5. Minutes of meetings on 9/11/17 and 11/13/17 were approved unanimously
The meeting on January 8 2018 did not have a quorum attending, hence there were no Minutes

6. Reports:

a. Chair's Report

- Members and terms as of this meeting:

- Mike Purcell – 2020
- Christine Colella, Wilmington – 2020
- Malcolm Moore – 2021
- David Elliot – 2021
- Sarah Grant – 2019
- Ed Metcalfe, Whitingham – 2019

- **Important to attend meetings.** Discussed that if one cannot commit to being at the 6 meetings per year, they should reconsider being a member. Due to meeting frequency, a missed meeting pushes discussions back 2 months.

- **Lauren McArthur is new Administrative Assistant to Selectboard** – send minutes to her.

- **National Grid Lease expires:** Nancy Andersen reminded us that National Grid license to cross Hogback land will expire in July 2018 – renew? What terms? They pay the town \$3,000 annually. We should review and discuss with Selectboard. Re-negotiate terms, possibly increase with CPI.

- **Mike attended a US Forest Service project planning mtg:** Looking to streamline the process to expedite projects. Scale of the review should be proportionate to the project. “Analysis paralysis” – simplify and make the study applicable to projected land use. Consider in relation to Biodiversity Study.

- **Ski trail liability:** Selectboard members are okay with increased use of ski slopes. HMCA members are concerned with their personal liability. Discussed buildings and visitors utilizing Quonset hut. Mike will inquire with Selectboard on what Town lawyer has to say about liability for use of ski slopes and lift lines, and use of old buildings for warming huts.

b. HMCA Report was sent to HPC electronically; lots of activity. Bob Andersen and Mike Clough have left the HMCA board. Connor Hunt has joined the HMCA board.

c. SVNHM Report: Ed plans to sell the gift shop. Museum will retain a 6 year lease at the building.

7. Old Business

a. Castle disposition: Budget was \$2,500. Approved paying \$2,000 for work completed by Ed Metcalfe's crew to shore up the floors and roof, and \$500 for plexiglass to replace plywood over the windows.

b. Special Use Permit: Reviewed a draft form to fill out for private use of Hogback land. Goal is to make sure HPC is notified and reviews land use prior to the Town issuing a permit. HPC will review again and discuss alcohol, camping, fires.

c. VAST permission form – have not yet received the signed form returned from VAST.

d. Procedure for modifying the Management Plan: Must not run counter to VLT easement. HPC may amend parts without modifying the entire Management Plan. HMCA would like input on proposed changes to the Management Plan. HPC will notify Selectboard and VLT about any revisions made.

e. Fat Bike Grooming: Agreed to allow grooming for fat biking on north side of the management area (White's Loop and connectors). Mike will post "no snowmobiling" signs at intersections.

8. Demolition of First Aid Building: Received estimates of 5-6K from both Ruprecht and Southworth. HPC agrees that the building must come down. Will review with Selectboard and recommend demolition.

9. Adjourn: 6:58pm

Next meeting Monday May 14, 2018 at 5 p.m.

HPC meetings are on the second Monday of alternate months:

July 9, 2018

September 10, 2018

November 12, 2018

January 14, 2019