

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

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

Absent: David Elliot, Christine Colella

Guests: Nancy Anderson, Diana Todd, Jack Widness (for HMCA)

1. Call to Order 5:05 pm

2. Review of Agenda and discussion of attendance.

3. Minutes of HPC meeting on 9/10/18 were approved.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report:

MP & MM met with National Grid reps on Sept 20 and walked the access road to be repaired.

First aid building – Trevor Mance is expected to meet with Don Yanke to review the project.

Castle exterior has been painted; roof still needs repairs.

b. HMCA Report: was distributed to HPC members electronically, and reviewed.

c. SVNHM Report: Museum has acquired a hybrid vehicle, & hopes to install a charging station.

5. Old Business

a. Special Use Permit form: No progress on revision of the draft application form for a SUP.

Map is not needed to accompany the form; applicant can get info from the tax map.

b. First Aid Building: Looking for a proposed contract from Trevor Mance, to include removal of vermiculite or just demolition of the building.

c. National Grid License Agreement has been signed by the Select board. National Grids reps agreed verbally to repair the access road, and install a gate.

d. Volunteer form: HMCA has been using a simple “acknowledgement of risk” form signed by each volunteer on HMCA work days. HMCA board is still concerned about liability.

g. VAST permission form: Same terms as last year. Forward to select board for signature.

6. New Business

a. Endowment strategy: Assets in cash plus 3 CDs. HMCA proposed a one-time conversion of the largest CD to a higher rate. Discussion of foreseeable major expenses: (a) the biodiversity study, and (b) demolition of the first aid building. Discussion of possible fundraising. HPC voted in favor of raising the rate on the largest (95K) CD if it is possible to borrow against the CD.

b. Budget has been proposed by HMCA; HPC budget is to be prepared.

7. Adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5 p.m.