

MONT VERNON HERITAGE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES DRAFT
March 21, 2024

In attendance: Becci Schwarz, chair, Brian Billow, Vice chair, Anna Szok alternate (seated), Zoe Fimbel alternate (seated)

Absent: Jessica Pomeroy, secretary

Community Members: Amanda Young, Jay Goodell, Ann Prevett, Erin Lemieux, Linda Harrop, John Quinlan

AGENDA:

Times are approximate and subject to change without notice.

7:00pm: Call to Order

7:05pm: Window Project Update: Second batch of windows out, Storms set to come in next week for installation.

7:15pm: National Register Update: Szok has done a great job on the nomination form, thank you! Should be considered by the NPS at the April meeting.

7:25pm: Selective Demo Update: Feasibility study is complete and on the website. This gives a very good idea of what the total project cost will be. Final step before public sessions and RFP is a selective demo study to determine the actual damage internally where items are often enclosed and inaccessible. This study will help to eliminate surprises during the demolition and rehabilitation process.

7:30pm: Clock Tower Project: Schwarz would like to get started on the clock tower this year. The feasibility study shows that this portion of the project should only cost approximately \$30k and the conditions assessment shows that the degree of damage there has already put manual ringing of the bell to a stop, and is well on the way to stopping the operation of the bell in general. With the clocktower leaning away from the building it seems that this portion of the project should be done sooner to avoid any further damage to the building or the Town through accident or injury. John Quinlan advises Schwarz to bring this matter to the Board of Selectmen for consideration on funding.

Szok moves to bring the Clock Tower Project to the Selectmen to seek funding, second by Fimbel, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.

7:45pm: Officer Elections - tabled until the April 11 meeting

8:00pm: Spring Gala and Summer Fun Raffle: The commission decides to theme the t-shirts left from last year to this years theme and continue with the highly successful tie-dye t-shirt table as

was done last year. Schwarz will reach out to the school for high school volunteers and Linda Harrop states she will be available to help as well.

The commission decides that the summer fun raffle should be reinstituted this year, and that they would like to raffle off paddleboards. Billow will reach out to his connections at Dick's to see if he can get them donated, but if not the commission may have to purchase them. The raffle will start on May 18th at the gala, and will continue for the weekends of May 25, June 1, and June 8 with the drawing being held on June 9. Schwarz will be available for all weekends except the 25th, which Sarah Beth Ross will be available for. Schwarz states we still will need two adults each day for ticket sales in order to have one adult at each location (transfer station and General Store) for the entire time. Erin Lemieux and Linda Harrop state they may be available to help as well.

Other Business

- Historic Resources Subcommittee
- Fundraising Subcommittee
- Grant Applications - Schwarz has submitted to the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation for the clock tower project. This application is for \$11,250.
- Mail and Announcements - none
- Meeting Minutes - tabled

Szok motions to recommend the selectmen appoint Tim Berry to the commission as an alternate, second by Billow, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.

8:00pm: Adjournment - **Szok motions to adjourn, second by Billow. 8:19pm meeting adjourned.**

Next meeting April 11, 2024 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schwarz

Chair

2024 Action Items

Fundraising/Brick and Mortar

Public sessions

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