

**Mont Vernon Heritage Commission
Public Meeting Minutes 6/10/21
Approved**

In Attendance: Charles Baker, Rebecca Schwarz, Tim Berry, Sarah Beth Ross (joined at 7:30)

Community Member: Eileen Nabor

Absent: John Morrison, Randy Wilson, Brian Billow, Zoe Fimbel

Called to Order: 7:05pm

Eileen Nabor states she would like to just listen for a while, but that since the Commission has a lot to do tonight and it is important work she does not want to take any extra time. Schwarz agrees it is important but wants to ask Nabor before she goes; if the Commission were to continue to offer a Zoom link for observation only would she be interested? Schwarz further explains Zoom attendees would not be able to participate in the meetings, but it would offer transparency for community members who would like to join. Nabor states that she would love to have an option to listen and not actively participate.

LCHIP: Schwarz opens the meeting reporting on the current status of the LCHIP application form. Technical review deadline is tomorrow. Schwarz explains that the technical review period is new to the LCHIP grant process and allows applicants who take advantage of this period to have a review for completeness and errors of omission. The conversation moves on through the application sections and any changes the group would like to edit. Berry submits the budget numbers and quotes from the contractors as well as the signature pages for inclusion in the application file. Berry suggests that we increase the dollar amount of cash on hand after Town Meeting *if the funds are approved for the Building Maintenance Fund*. The Board of Selectmen is willing to contribute up to another \$10,000 making the whole amount contributed from the Town \$45,000. Schwarz states this would have to be an amendment to the grant file after submission since Town Meeting is the day after the due date. Schwarz states we need to review the LCHIP Due Diligence requirements and dates.

Berry motions to approve the submittal of the LCHIP Grant Application as written, seconded by Schwarz. All in favor, no further discussion, motion passed.

Moose Plate Grant: Schwarz states they are also offering an informal technical review period if applications are submitted prior to the submission deadline. Schwarz will update the application with the submitted edits and

circulate it to the group for final comment with a deadline of five days prior to the submission date. If there are no edits suggested, she will submit the application at that time.

Lowes 100 Home Towns: Baker states that the notification date has been updated to July 20.

Town Meeting: Baker asks who is going to be speaking for the Commission. Berry says it will be Baker. Berry would like to have both Baker and Schwarz speak at different times to address the needs of the Heritage Commission relative to the proposed warrant articles. Baker states he has a few talking points he'd like to address, including that there seems to be a misconception that the Heritage Fund is being used as a slush fund for the Heritage Commission. He wants to clarify that this is no different than a capital reserve fund. Schwarz states she is concerned about how we represent ourselves at Town Meeting. We do not have any warrant articles relative to us, so she feels we should be careful to point out that we are supporting the warrant article for the fact that it benefits our mission. Berry says that comments are restricted to the warrant article. Baker agrees to speak on behalf of the Heritage Commission's support of the \$70,000 warrant article. Schwarz agrees to speak on behalf of the \$80,000 Building Renovation Committee warrant article as we need an updated plan that the town agrees to.

Fundraising Subcommittee: Schwarz states the subcommittee haven't actually met this month, but that the Kayak Raffle is in full swing and to date has raised a total of \$1700. States that each week table income has grown and she believes we could realistically assume another \$400 in income.

Baker mentions the Spring Gala event that is planned as a make up in August. He'd like to see the Commission have a table on the green. Schwarz states she would like whatever is done in August to be very reserved. She believes we should take an active role in Lamson Farm Day as that is relative to the heritage of the Town which is more our focus. Ross suggests we do an activity for the kids that is based on our heritage and suggests making butter in mason jars. Schwarz agrees an activity is better and thinks the butter idea is excellent. Also, we've just asked the community for money in both Spring and Summer, so we should now do something to give back to the community and work on our community outreach. Schwarz says she has been working for permission for the Barn Dance. She has discussed with Fimbel and she suggested she would welcome the dance in the evening of Lamson Farm Day so everything is already moved out and the space is available. Berry agrees we should put our larger focus on Lamson Farm Day.

Historic Resources Subcommittee: Schwarz states she has some thoughts regarding this committee. She states that at the last meeting Baker had asked if they had met and the answer was no. At this time they have not met as well because none of the members have access to our Zoom account to hold the meeting. Members have also made it clear that they are not sure what to do with the information they've gathered. Schwarz suggests that as the Fundraising subcommittee is a larger subcommittee with multiple members able to host meetings and drive the successes that the Chair should join the Historic Resources Subcommittee in order to direct that initiative. Berry says perhaps we should look at some other Heritage Commissions that have completed a Historic Resource Survey and go from there. Baker says he could take that on. Schwarz states she hasn't discussed it with them but she believes she, Billow and Wilson can handle the efforts of the

Fundraising Subcommittee on their own. Baker states that his interest is more in the fundraising but he understands the need for a lead on the Historic Resource Subcommittee so he will handle that.

Meeting Minutes: Berry motions to accept the 5/13/21 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Ross, no further discussion, all in favor motion passed

Other Business: No updates on the social media pages, our Facebook is up to 103 likes.

Berry motions to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm

Next meeting: July 8, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Schwarz

Secretary