

Newington Historic District Commission – AGENDA

November 16, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Old Town Hall

Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Marconi Member (2020) • Jo Haskell Alternate (2023) • John Lamson Member (2021) • Peggy Lamson Member (2023) • Katie Moody Alternate (2023) • Lulu Pickering Member (2023) • Becky St. Germaine Alternate (2023) • Kristen Poulin Alternate (2023) • Alan Wilson Member (2022)
Approve minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of October 13, 2020 (attachment)
General Sullivan Bridge, Railroad Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State currently proposes selling the entire lot. • Discussions with selectmen
2020 budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,300 has been on hold by Selectmen • Need historical archive boxes and materials • Historic wall hangings
2021 budget	<p>HDC budget was discussed with the selectmen on Oct. 26th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,000 special project \$1,000 document processing and archiving \$ 500 artifacts and Historic Newington hangings \$ 300 operating expenses <p>Recommendations for selectmen to add to their budget: yes, no, forget about?</p> <p>Cemetery Tree cutting/planting Old Parsonage electrical outlets inside and outside, requested last year Old Parsonage rodent problem continues, requested 2 years running Old Town Hall Internet/telephone services, requested last year OSS rodent problem? Outside trim painting? other</p>
Old Parsonage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eversource historic mitigation funds for use in the historic district (attachment) • \$20,000 can either be encumbered until 2021 or used in 2020. • Selectmen seemed to like the idea of using it for installing heating and air conditioning/dehumidifying equipment at the Old Parsonage. Yes, or other ideas?

Graves outside the cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No CLG grant application will be filed for 2021. Discussed the project with Mark Doperalski (State Archaeologist) and David Trubey (Div. Historic Resources Archaeologist). They suggested we speak with Jesse Cofelice of Independent Archaeological Consulting in Portsmouth for her expertise in burials. Jesse submitted a proposal (\$2,930 attachment); potential for funding by HDC in 2021 budget or by Newington Historical Society. Thoughts? Ideas? See attached cemetery timeline attachment. Marker from funds in 2020 budget?
Newington school students	<p>Public outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with the principal of Newington Public School and Kristen Poulin of the HDC and Newington School Supporters to introduce Newington's rich history into some type of school program in 2021. Thoughts? Ideas? Focus?
Newington Historical Society	<p>Public outreach</p> <p>Approval and coordination with NHS activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall decorations in Old Town Center Holiday decorations in Old Town Center Holiday event?
New Parsonage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selectmen declined the offer from the church to purchase the property (2019? 2020?) Listed for sale by Bean Group late October 2020 Sale pending within 2 weeks Discuss potential impacts to Historic District (see Historic Zoning Regulation attachment) Need to establish review procedure for applicants to present proposals before the HDC
Coleman water fountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the September site walk for a new bike path, folks discussed making the bike path across the library and church lawns a straight line, in which case the fountain may need to be moved. Research shows the fountain belongs to the Town, not the Library (attachment). The library trustees want to put \$2,000 in their 2021 budget to restore the fountain. Yes, or wait until after the bike path construction and new fountain location?
Shattuck Lot	<p>CLG historic resources oversight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are some beautiful stone features on this lot (attachment) Contact the new owners to see whether the stones will be preserved or, if not, donated to the town for use in rebuilding stone walls
Historic preservation award	<p>Public outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019, Maxine Pottier raised the issue of establishing an Historic Preservation Award of some type to recognize preservation efforts for local historic properties. Thoughts? Nominations? Award type?

Lulu Pickering
HDC Member
November 11, 2020