



# Milford Heritage Commission

Town Hall

1 Union Square

Milford NH 03055

## Minutes July 2023

Meeting Date: July 12, 2023, 7:00pm, conducted in the Town Hall Banquet Room

### Participating:

David Palance, Chairman	Paul Dargie, BoS Representative
Chris Thompson, Vice Chair	Paul Lamos, Secretary
Sarah Brown, Treasurer	Katherine Kokko, Voting
Dave Alcox, Alternate	Mitch Hemmer, GTM

### Review of Minutes:

The June minutes were reviewed and voted into record as amended.

### New Business

**Milford Motel expansion** – As requested last month, David P. shared the elevation drawings presented to the Planning Board. The commission was able to discuss the look of the additions from the street and adjacent Ice cream shop.

### Old Business

**Laurel Schoolhouse project** – Katherine reported that the LCHIP application was completed before the deadline, thanks were shared to the commission members for the support of this aggressive effort. The BoS will need to be solicited for support for the commitments to satisfy the grant request prior to this October. We are still seeking a better, high-resolution photo of the street view, Dave A. and Chris agreed to create a better promotion shot. Paul L. inquired as to how we can accommodate a handicap ramp, there was discussion of building a wooden temporary ramp over the granite steps. Katherine submitted the final storm window invoice to the town Finance department for payment as approved at the BoS meeting of 22Aug2022 as recorded in the approved meeting minutes.

**Bandstand renovation project** – Katherine reported that the Moose Plate grant application was submitted prior to the deadline, Congratulations were shared for another aggressive effort. The Bandstand was funded by this grantor in 2004 for maintenance efforts. We kept our goals of submitting two grant applications (see above) and sent the approved informational letter to all the donors. In short, public funding will continue despite the loss of the warrant article vote. Our

**Black Heritage Trail project** – David P. investigated the owner and purpose of the electrical box at the streetside of Bicentennial Park. This old box is an eyesore as it is peeling paint and the access panels are riveted shut. This box sits very close to the new marker and within a flowered landscape garden. Community Development Office says that they contacted DPW and replied that there is no chance of removing the Eversource box in the park. The next historical marker is slated for the Nehemiah Hayward house where Harriet Wilson was indentured. David P. is working on the application.

- Swing Bridge \$ 7,856.00
- Black Heritage Trail: (\$ 400.00)
- Pillsbury Bandstand: \$42,146.72
- Schoolhouse: \$ 9,452.51
- Discretionary Account (non-lapsing): \$ 4,165.73

- Balance total: \$ 63,220.96

The payment of \$1,800.00 for the Bandstand report needs to be accounted for out of the general fund. This amount was approved under the BoS minutes of 22Aug2022 but it is separate from the accounts of the private donations accumulated in the Bandstand line item.

**Date of Next Meeting:** August 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm on zoom and the Banquet Room, Town Hall

**Call to Adjourn:** 8:13 PM