

# Hooksett Heritage Commission Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

4:45 PM

Hooksett Town Hall, Room 204  
35 Main Street Hooksett, NH 03106

## Attendance:

**Commission Members:** Tony Lacasse (Chair), James Sullivan (Town Council Representative), Dena Vaudrien (Member), Stephanie Perry (Member), Jane Martina (Heritage Commission, Staff Support)

Tony called the meeting to order at 4:52 PM

**Demolition Permit:** Jim Sullivan presented his findings from Thomas Hardy's Historical Sketches regarding the history of 12 Cate Road. He also reviewed the Demo Regulation- Criteria for Finding "Significance." Dena Vaudrien, who conducted similar research, requested additional time to investigate the building's construction history. Given its age and connection to a prominent Hooksett family, Tony Lacasse suggested that the Heritage Commission should thoroughly examine the property's history. For any further research, Tony Lacasse requested that each member document their sources. **Consistent with the Demolition Review Committee's Responsibilities, the Heritage Commission scheduled a public hearing for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Hebert Meeting Room at the Hooksett Public Library.**

**Light Up the Village Expenditures:** Tony Lacasse reviewed individual invoices for Light up the Village.

**Old Town Hall:** Tony Lacasse presented New England Lighting Companies' lighting proposal for the Old Town Hall at cost of \$1,500. To finance this expense, he proposed allocating \$1,000 from ARPA and the remaining \$500 from 2022 Light up the Village donations. **Tony made a motion to purchase lights for Old Town Hall in the amount of \$1500, expending \$1000 in ARPA funds and \$500 from 2022 Light Up the Village donations. The motion was seconded by Jim Sullivan. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Arah Prescott Historical Library:** Tony Lacasse shared two lighting quotes. The first option, priced at \$800, entailed leasing lights for the lower roofline, two 3ft Christmas trees, wreaths in the front windows, and wash lighting on the trees in the back. The second option involved purchasing lights for both the building and two wreaths for \$1,500. Tony Lacasse recommended that the Heritage Commission prioritize purchasing the lights rather than leasing them annually. **Tony Lacasse made a motion to purchase lights for the Arah Prescott Historical Library in the amount of \$1500, expending \$300 from Historical Society Donations, \$500 from 2023 Light up the Village Donations, and \$700 from 2022 Light up the Village Donations. The motion was seconded by Dena Vaudrien. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Robie's:** Tony Lacasse made a motion to expend the remaining \$1,000 balance owed from the 2023 Light up the Village donations to lease lighting for Robie's. The motion was seconded by Jim Sullivan. The motion passed 4-0-0.

**Town Tree:** Tony Lacasse informed the Commission that the cost of lighting the town tree would be \$4,000. To his understanding, the Heritage Commission has secured the full amount through donations. **Tony Lacasse made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$4,000 to purchase lights for the Town Tree from the 2023 Light up the Village donations. The motion was seconded by Jim Sullivan. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Tony Lacasse motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jim Sullivan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.**