HERITAGE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2026

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in Council Chambers at 37 Green St, on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Members: Vice-Chair Althea Barton, Carol Durgy Brooks, Chair Richard Jaques, City Councilor Aislinn Kalob, Jim Spain, Dr. Bryant Tolles, Jr. and Alternate Member Randall Cotton

Absent: Michael Dunn

Staff: Matt Walsh, Deputy City Manager – Community Development
Krista Tremblay, Administrative Technician III

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by Chair Jaques at 4:33 p.m.

2. Review / Approval of Minutes:
   a. March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting
      Member Durgy-Brooks moved, seconded by Member Tolles Jr., to accept the Heritage Commission minutes from March 2, 2026, as submitted. All in favor. The motion passed.

3. New Business
   a. *NH Preservation Alliance Annual Awards Meeting - Request for Heritage Commission Sponsorship*
      Chair Jaques distributed an email from Jennifer Goodman at the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance requesting that the Heritage Commission co-sponsor of the Alliance's 2026 Preservation Achievement Awards event on May 12, 2026 at 5:00PM at the City Auditorium. Chair Jaques stated that he supports being a co-sponsor because of work associated with preservation of the Concord Gas Holder. Chair Jaques stated that the Heritage Commission's sponsorship would be limited to assisting with promoting the event, and clarified that no staff time, volunteer time, or financial outlay would be required.

      Chair Jaques moved that the Heritage Commission co-sponsor the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's 2026 Preservation Achievement Awards. Member Tolles Jr. seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote of 6-0-1 (Althea Barton recused due to her consultant work with the NH Preservation Alliance).

4. Old/Continuing Business
   a. *210 Bog Road Demolition and Planning Board Update*
      Mr. Walsh reported that and members of the Heritage Commission recently met with representatives from NHSCOT concerning the former Nurses' building at 210 Bog Board. He explained that the 60-day period for review of this demolition application expired on March 19th. The meeting was cordial and NHSCOT indicated that they may offer the building to the

general public for relocation from their property; however, NHSCOT needs to discuss any such option with its Board of Directors. NHSCOT also reiterated that they have no desire to keep or reuse the building. Mr. Walsh noted that NHSCOT will be returning to the Planning Board for amendments to their previously approved Site Plan for 210 Bog Road for modifications to required buffers. As part of that process, staff plans to proposed a condition of approval whereby that, to the extent NHSCOT may elect to preserve the building, they will be authorized to relocate the building on-site via administrative approval provided final location conforms with zoning requirements. Mr. Walsh stated this was purely being proposed to efficiently facilitate relocation in the event NHSCOT elects to preserve the building.

Chair Jaques reported that he has approached a neighbor about having the building relocated to their property. Discussions are ongoing.

b. *Master Plan Subcommittee Update*
Vice-Chair Barton reported that the Master Plan Subcommittee met on March 17th and discussed preservation goals, as well as the overall master plan process and strategies. The Subcommittee is eager to work with the Planning Board, staff and the consultant at the Master Plan process moves forward. The Subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for April 21st; however, it might be moved to April 15th at 4:30 p.m. instead. Vice-Chair Barton will confirm the final meeting date, time and location.

c. *Review Section VIII Historic Resources of the Master Plan 2030*
Chair Jaques distributed portions of the Historic Resources Chapter of the 2030 Master Plan for review and future discussion.

d. *Monuments and Granite Markers*
Member Spain had nothing to report on this agenda item.

5. Heritage Sign Program Review Committee Update
Member Durgy Brooks reported that the Heritage Sign Review Committee did not meet April 1st as there were no new sign applications. She also reported that a sign application was recently received for 2 Rum Hill Rd. Additionally, Member Durgy Brooks remined the Commission that the next sign workshops are scheduled for May 12th and September 8th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Concord Room at the Concord Public Library. Lastly, Member Durgy Brooks reported that the Alternate Member Randall Cotton has joined the Sign Committee, and that Chair Jaques will serve as an alternate.

6. Planning Board Update
Mr. Walsh reported there are no projects currently on the agenda involving demolitions or redevelopment. He suggested that the Board may discuss the Master Plan, as well as various zoning amendments which are currently in process.

7. City Council Update
There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

8. Other Business
   Councilor Kalob noted that the City is honoring Billy Thompson, a prominent African American who resided in Concord and made significant contributions to the sport of baseball from the late 1800s through 1950. His accomplishments were especially significant as baseball was a segregated sport during most of his playing years. Thompson Park on North Spring Street is named in his honor, and a new marker will be installed at White Park in the coming months. Councilor Kalob will keep the Commission apprised of any special events related thereto. .

9. Adjourn

Adjournment
Member Durgy Brooks moved, seconded by Member Tolles Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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