

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING
Kensington Town Hall, 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

DRAFT Minutes

The meeting was held in person at the Kensington Town Hall. The meeting was posted on the Town's website, so the public was able to attend.

In Attendance:

Present: Lynne Monroe, Chair; Sarah Hamilton, Elaine Kaczmarek, Joni Praded, Frank Whittemore

Absent: Steven Mallory

Meeting called to order at 7:07

1. Review of draft minutes

Minutes approved.

2. Scenic Roads

In an attempt to ensure that residents and town officials are aware of designated scenic roads and allow for review of work done in the public right-of-way on them, the Commission agreed to propose a revision to the scenic road ordinance that would expand Planning Board review and opportunity for public input on ordinance-specified activity (i.e., removal of certain trees or stone walls in the public right of way) by any person or entity. The current ordinance language restricts review to work done by the municipality or utility company but NH allows for expanded review. Next steps: draft sample language change and present to PB for discussion. This would not affect, of course, work done on the property outside of the right-of-way by the property owner and is not intended to impose "historic district" style regulations on certain areas of town.

The concern was raised that some property owners don't know they are on a scenic road. Discussion ensued about how to make owners on scenic roads aware, and how to make new owners aware (via a welcome package or other means).

Lynne also suggested beginning an asset review on scenic roads to help both property owners and the town in general understand what features on them are notable for preserving rural character or have environmental or historical importance.

3. Ongoing projects--no updates

4. Updates on activities in National Register district: no updates

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, September 23, 2026