



Heritage Committee Minutes

Monday March 21, 2022

7:30 p.m.

In Person in George Root Room / Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Margaret Barnstaple, Jamie Cheyne, Phil Gravelle, Julia Grys, and Chris Tynan.

Members Absent: Laurie DaSilva, Frank Huarte and Bob Wilson.

1. **Call to Order** by Jamie at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the Minutes** There were no meetings in December, January or February.
Moved by: Julia
Seconded by: Chris
Be it resolved that the TEHC minutes of November 15, 2021 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

3. **Additions to the Agenda.** Stonewell Lavender Farm
Moved by: Julia
Seconded by: Phil
Be it resolved that Stonewell Lavender Farm be added to the agenda under 8.4 Project Ideas . **Carried**

4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.** None

5. **Appointment of Chair.** Jamie explained the duties. No one volunteered or was nominated. Suggestion was made to have two co-chairs.

6. **Appointment of Co-Chair.** Jamie nominated Laurie DaSilva, who has agreed to stand.
Moved by: Julia
Seconded by: Chris
Be it resolved that the TEHC appoint Laurie DaSilva as Co-chair for 2022. **Carried**

Chris Tynan volunteered to be nominated as the second Co-Chair.

Moved by: Margaret

Seconded by: Julia

Be it resolved that the TEHC appoint Chris Tynan as Co-chair for 2022. Carried

7. Appointment of Secretary. Jamie nominated Margaret who has agreed to stand.

Moved by: Jamie

Seconded by: Chris

Be it resolved that the TEHC appoint Margaret Barnstaple for 2022. Carried

8. Welcome from Chair - New Member Introductions. Phil Gravelle was introduced and gave some of his background, especially as newspaper columnist and editor, including The Erin Advocate until about five years ago. He has participated on the Erin Trails Committee and worked on the Erin and Hillsburgh Walking Trail brochures. He made a presentation on World War II for our Committee's Open House several years ago. Frank Huarte was absent.

8. Discussion Topics

8.1 Art England - Park Bench Purchase ([Art Andrew England](#)) Art was one of the original Heritage Committee members and, in conjunction with Steve Revell, canvassed Erin Village listing, describing and photographing hundreds of heritage or interesting buildings for our Heritage Register. The metal sign we ordered has just arrived at the company who manufactures the bench. Now the bench can be made and will arrive in 4-6 weeks. The Town will install a concrete pad behind Valumart near the river where Art used to sit so that the bench can be bolted down.

8.2 Heritage Signs for buildings. Jamie ordered one for the old Erin Township #6 school house/current feed mill in Hillsburgh as a sample for size and design. It is thin aluminum on front and back with fibreglass in the middle. We can now further refine the design and can bring ideas such as shamrocks, lintel shape or wording to next month's meeting.

8.3 Heritage Cemeteries. Jamie made a motion at Council to have increased funds designated for cemetery improvements. Of the approximately 15, only 3 are operated by separate Boards. There was a suggestion that volunteers help out but this needs approval for insurance coverage. A Council cemetery report is pending.

8.4 Project Ideas. Chris suggested a booth at the Erin Fall Fair, as we did in 2019. We would have to find out if the large tent will be set up this year for protection of our display. Jamie mentioned that he had made a small trailer to display historical items. We could promote the plaque program. A request was received from Stonewell Lavender Farms on Ballinafad Sideroad at Winston Churchill Road to encourage people to visit because their home is a stone heritage house. However, they run a business.

Suggestions were to put Stonewell on a Doors Open tour or suggest that they buy a plaque when available.

9. Demolition Requests. Jamie reported that there were no demolition requests. However, there was an inquiry about moving the doorway back at 92 Main Street in Erin which would not impact the heritage look of the building.

There was an inquiry regarding the old stone home at 5364 Winston Churchill Boulevard which a prospective purchaser wants to buy and demolish.

10. Round Table. Phil noted that the historical plaque at McMillan Park needed replacement as it is quite faded. The PDF exists and could be easily replicated with a new sign placed on top of the existing.

Moved by: Phil

Seconded by: Margaret

Be it resolved that the TEHC ask Council to have the Parks and Recreation group replace this sign. Carried

There was discussion about Olive Awrey Major, James Justice house, Erin Echo newspaper and old Erin Advocate newspapers, Facebook and new trail brochures.

11. Next Meeting.

Moved by: Chris

Seconded by: Phil

Be it resolved that the April meeting be postponed until April 25 because of Easter Monday falling on the 18th. Carried

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Julia

Seconded by: Margaret

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Carried