

**HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TOWN OF DEERFIELD**

December 13, 2011

Members present: Kelly Roberts, Deb Boisvert, Sienna Larson, Carol Levesque, Hony Hoague, Fran Menard, Jim Deely

Guests Present: Mel Graykin

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jim Deely, at 7:02 pm.

The recent death of Elsie Brown was noted with deep sorrow, and all signed a card to her family expressing how much her membership and friendship had meant to each of us.

Review of Minutes:

The October 18, 2011 Minutes were accepted as written.

Review of Financials:

Kelly Roberts presented the report as of November 20, 2011:

Heritage Fund - \$2,726.58; Town Hall Accessibility Fund - \$7,601.34

Budget figures were available as follows: \$0 remaining on hand

Kelly reported that the National Trust dues had been paid and a receipt on hand in her files.

Fran reported that the MBC had proposed denying the requested increase in the Heritage Commission budget line to \$600, as we could carry over any remaining funds from year to year. When it was pointed out that the increase was requested to fund our web site project, and there were no remaining funds, the requested increase was granted.

Old Business:

Nancy Brown's email suggesting possibilities for sale of the remaining Town Hall 2007 calendars was reviewed and will be further researched. As Nancy had sold all of the remaining Heritage Commission note cards it was agreed that Sienna should produce a new supply, with the addition of some additional local scenes, and a smaller note card format. Kelly will research the possibility of whether or not they could be offered for sale at the Town Offices.

Mel Graykin reported that the Scenic Byway Project information has been posted on our website. She also reported on the response to the cemetery mystery photo and school house trivia question, as well as other positive reaction and response to the web site. Sienna will take photos of the remaining schoolhouses existing today as private homes. As Mel has been asked for information that might be available in the Historical Society files, it was agreed that Jim and Hony will contact the Historical Society Artifacts Committee to discuss the possibility of a cooperative effort in situations of this nature. All present were most enthusiastic and appreciative of Mel's work on the website and submissions to the Forum and Communicator.

Theatre Curtain:

Fran reported that a NH Scenic Artists booklet has been published which is a collection of information about the individual artists who lived in NH and painted curtains there, including Egbert Foster who painted the Deerfield curtain and scenery. A copy has been ordered (\$10), and should be available at our next meeting. Jim has been notified that \$625 has been raised for the curtain restoration, and we are still working on a Moose Plate grant application for the balance of the required funds.

New Business:

Jim presented additional information about the Scenic Byways project sponsored by the Southern NH and Strafford Regional Planning Commissions including Deerfield, Raymond, Nottingham, Northwood and Candia, urging all present to start thinking of historical junctures between these towns, and also to attend the first meeting in the **Deerfield Town Hall at 6:00 PM on January 12th, 2012**. There are links to additional information on our website.

The next Meeting Date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st, 2012

There being no further business, the meeting **Adjourned** at 8.05 PM.

Minutes submitted by
Fran Menard, Secretary

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