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HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 8, 2008

Members present: Kathleen Northrup, David Bernard, Sally Humphries, David Bouton, and James Walter. Absent: Paul Loiselle, Carolyn Schroeder.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at Cawley School.

Jim moved acceptance of minutes of 11/13/07; D. Bernard seconded. Minutes approved. There was no meeting in December 2007.

NEW ITEMS:

1. May is National Preservation month. Members were asked to think about what we could do. Agreed to do joint display at the library again with the Robie's group if they're interested. Kathie will book the date with the library.
2. Members approved the letter of support for Kiwanis to accompany their application for a grant for the trails program.
3. Kathie appeared before the Council on January 5, 2008. Council unanimously recommended our requested budget for 2008/09.
4. A friend of the HC donated a copy of a flyer from the 1879 election in which Natt Head ran for Governor. We will frame it and hang it next to the portrait we donated to the town.

Review Assignments

1. Jim - Stone wall inventory. Jim reports he will pick up the project when the snow goes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Inventory of Historic Sites

No progress reported by members on their assigned sites.

Community Revitalization

On 11/28/07 the Council approved the village district a/k/a local historic district for the purpose of the RSA 79-E program. Members were given copies of the geographic boundary and the application. Kathie attended a meeting of the Economic Development Committee on 12/12/07 to tell them about the program.

Articles have appeared in the Banner and UL.

Members agreed to do a postcard mailing advising property owners of the program.

State Register of Historic Places

Council approved the filing of an application for State/National Register listing for Lilac Bridge on 11/28/07. Kathie working on the application, should be able to file it this week.

The DHR has found the Prescott Library eligible for State and National Register listing. It will be on the agenda for the 1/28/08 meeting of the Historical Resources Council.

Head School/Chapel

Dave Bernard will review the RFPs to be sure we are ready for Spring. Discussed filing Moose Plate grant application for repair of tin ceiling and refinishing the floor. Kathie will get info.

Oral History Project

Jim will bring forward the scheduling of the 3rd film in the spring.

Historic Map

The copy of the 1856 map found at Head's has been framed. Kathie will buy smaller frame for the story of the map and HC credit to hang next to the map at the new town offices.

Other

Discussed other possibilities for grants. Kathie brought up preserving the scrapbook collection at the library. Grant funds are available through the NH State Library for care of "historically significant paper-based collections." Deadline is the end of March. Sally has a contact she will ask about services and prices. Contact may also be able to help with converting oral history interviews to DVD.

Discussed the political history of Robie's and how it could be acknowledged.

Kathie asked members to think about what we would like to accomplish during this year, what project each may want to spearhead, etc. We can discuss at the February meeting. Kathie

gave a few preliminary suggestions: look at demolition ordinance, start transcribing oral history interviews, convert oral history interviews to DVD, check out Certified Local Government program, and update Hooksett history book.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. All - continuing research, historic sites
2. Kathie - book May for display case at library
3. Kathie - prepare postcard mailing re 79-E
4. Kathie - check out Moose Plate grant for interior work at Head's
5. Kathie - frames for gubernatorial advertising leaflet and story of 1856 map
6. Sally - contact re library collection and DVD conversion
7. David Bernard - review/finalize RFPs
8. All - ideas for Preservation Month in May
9. All - ideas for projects for 2008

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup
Chair
January 14, 2008

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 6:45 p.m., at the Library