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HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 12, 2008

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library.

D. Bernard moved acceptance of minutes of 1/8/08; Sally seconded. Minutes approved.

NEW ITEMS:

1. Kathie had gotten inquiries about a Hooksett town afghan. Asked the members if we should look into costs, etc. Members were not interested.
2. New town website is online. Kathie has prepared sections for historic markers and National/State Register listings which will be included.
3. Kathie has contacted a teacher at Cawley about the possibility of partnering for a Save Our History grant through the History Channel. The teacher is interested and will think about possible projects, perhaps Head Cemetery documentation and research.
5. Two books on architecture were purchased for our use.

Review Assignments

1. Kathie - book May (Preservation Month) for display case at library—done
2. Kathie - prepare postcard mailing re 79-E—done
3. Kathie - frame for gubernatorial advertising leaflet—done

OLD BUSINESS:

Head School

Additional desks and chairs were retrieved from Deerhead. An email vote earlier this month had authorized compensation for the volunteer. Up to \$100 in additional funds were authorized to clean and reassemble the furniture.

Kathie checked out preparing a Moose Plate grant for interior work at Head's. Met with one contractor to get estimates.

D. Bernard and Kathie will review/finalize RFPs for exterior work so we can start getting estimates when the snow goes.

State Register of Historic Places

Prescott Library listed 1/28/08. Lilac Bridge was found eligible, will be finalized at April meeting.

Kathie mentioned getting some private sites listed. She has contacted groups connected with 3 buildings to solicit interest. Also contacted the owners of a couple private homes.

Inventory of Historic Sites

Jim will substitute another site for one of his research sites, the Holy Rosary Church.

Historic Markers

Two former students have offered to help with fund-raising for a marker at Martin's Corner School. Funds will be solicited from other former students. Obtained a couple good photos of the exterior from the Lucille Burbank collection.

Moose Plate Grant/Scrapbooks

After a conversation with the representative at the State Library, determined that the library scrapbooks are probably not eligible—not original papers, no dates on newspapers, few original pictures, etc. But the collection is still valuable to us, Kathie will explore scanning. We also have information from Sally's contact regarding conversion.

Historic Map

Kathie prepared the "story" of the 1856 map to hang next to the framed copy.

Preservation Month

Discussed briefly. Jim suggested a showing of the oral history film in addition to Heritage Day activities. Will discuss further next month.

Other

Discussed members' goals for this year. Priority is the Head School project. Also mentioned ways to introduce more Hooksett history into all schools. Kathie had previously suggested looking at a demolition ordinance, starting to transcribe oral history interviews, converting oral history tapes to DVD, checking out Certified Local Government program, and

updating our Hooksett history book.

Sally will do more interviews to help finish up the Barns Project.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. All - continuing research on assigned historic sites
2. D. Bernard and Kathie - finalize RFPs for Head's
3. All - Preservation Month plans

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup
Chair
February 14, 2008

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 6:45 p.m., at the Library
(This is also School District voting day)**