

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
August 12, 2008

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

Meeting called to order at 3:20 p.m. at Hooksett Town Offices. A tour of Davis-Cate and Riverside Cemeteries had been planned, but because of rain, the meeting was held in Council chambers.

D. Boutin moved acceptance of minutes of July 8, 2008; Sally seconded. Minutes approved.

NEW ITEMS:

1. Members discussed changing the date of our monthly meeting, perhaps to the 3rd Tuesday, to avoid conflicts with voting. Members will be polled.
2. Kathie received a wood railing from Martin's Corner School. Until we find a use, it's being stored at Head's.
3. From the Lucille Burbank collection, Kathie scanned some Martin's Corner school photos. Also photos of grange and town hall which will help in research.
4. The Economic Development Committee was given permission by the Council at its last meeting to do a feasibility study on the future of the Town Hall. A subcommittee will be formed; Kathie was asked to serve on the subcommittee by the Council.
5. Hollis Demo Ordinance info was distributed to members. This may be something we'd want to look at for Hooksett.
6. Hollis home survey material distributed.

Review Assignments

1. D. Boutin reported on his meeting with staff at the Division of Historical Resources

regarding the procedure for the Certified Local Government program. They suggested we start simple. D. Boutin will continue to gather information, i.e., sample ordinance, etc.

2. Kathie, price DVD/VHS machine. Done. We should be able to get a converter unit for less than \$250.
3. Jim, stone wall project. Jim absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Head School

Kathie is stripping paint from windows and some casings. D. Bernard has made replacement trim pieces. Paul Loiselle and his brother will refinish the desks and chairs.

No date yet for start, rain has held up the contractor. He hopes to begin at the end of August, beginning of September. If Dale can't get to cleaning out the shed before then, D. Bernard and Kathie will do so and bring the contents over to the Highway Department.

Kathie received a call from a Hooksett teacher; she is looking forward to our reopening the school, very supportive of our efforts.

Sally has not yet been successful in finding information on the framed prints. She will continue looking.

Historic Sites

Deferred discussion on inventory until more members are present.

Historic Markers

The 1790 Milestone marker has been ordered. Distributed copies of material.

Reminder: The Martin's Corner dedication date is October 18. We will need members to help set up tents, chairs, etc.

State Register

At Council meeting on July 23, Kathie requested permission to file State Register application for Town Hall. Directed by council to do so. Research has been difficult; old documents seem to have been tossed. There's a Letter to Editor in last week's Banner requesting old photos to help reconstruct the history of alterations/renovations.

Cemeteries

Discussed our responsibilities under the RSA regarding some of the most historic sites in town—our cemeteries.

Kathie and D. Boutin will prepare a letter to the Cemetery Commissioners outlining concerns.

Whoever chooses the cemeteries for our historic sites inventory will need more detailed info on the various locations, i.e., public or private, oldest grave site, conditions, maintenance, etc.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. All - continuing research on assigned historic sites
2. Jim, stone wall project
3. Sally, framed prints from Head's
4. D. Boutin, Kathie. Letter re cemeteries.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.
Sally and Kathie then toured the cemeteries.

Kathleen Northrup
Chair
August 15, 2008

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 6:45 p.m., Library