

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 23, 2008

Members present: Kathleen Northrup, David Boutin, Sally Humphries, Carolyn Schroeder. James Walter arrived at 7:15 p.m. Excused: David Bernard, Paul Loiselle.

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

D. Boutin moved acceptance of minutes of August 12, 2008; Sally seconded. Minutes approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Coverage times were set for Old Home Day. We will be using D.Boutin's canopy. Kathie and D.Bernard will handle set-up and break-down. D.Bernard is making some kind of display rack for the afghan. Table coverage:  
10 a.m. to noon - Carolyn  
noon to 2 p.m. - Sally  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - D. Boutin
2. Open Space Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission needs info on historic sites on the Garos/Brown property. Carolyn, D. Boutin, and Sally will work on this. Kathie furnished some very preliminary info she gathered in 2007. Open Space needs this by February 1.
3. Carolyn reported on the ZBA hearing in September regarding the St. Pierre request for variance. The public hearing was postponed to October 14; members may wish to attend. It was the consensus of those members present (J. Walter had not yet arrived) that we would offer input at the public hearing: While we take no position on the requested variance, it is our hope that if a structure is allowed it will be in keeping with the architectural character of the neighborhood.
4. With the agreement of all members, our meeting date has been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Kathie wrote to the Town Administrator's secretary to make changes to web site.
5. The Lions Club boat tour of village which had been set for 9/6 was postponed due to the storm. They hope to do it in the spring. Kathie had prepared a handout for tour participants; copies were given to members.

6. Heritage Day May 2009. The Lions Club has indicated an interest in sponsoring a historic sites trolley tour.
7. Our loan for the up-front costs of the afghan has been repaid.
8. Discussed refreshment table at voting. Don't yet have a volunteer to lead this effort.

### **Review Assignments**

1. Jim reported his progress on the stone wall project.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Head School

Sally has not yet been successful in finding information on the framed prints. If any member knows of an appraiser, antique dealer, etc., who may help us with pricing, let Sally know. She will work on listing the prints on Craig's List once a price is established.

Exterior contractor should be starting soon. We need to have one new storm window built and purchase and have the hardware installed on all storm windows so they can be opened. D. Bernard and Kathie suggest that we also get estimates on replacing the plexiglass with Lexan. Group agreed.

#### Cemeteries

Kathie drafted and D. Boutin reviewed the correspondence regarding our observations on three cemeteries; it was sent via email on 8/18/08. There has been no official response from Cemetery Commission. The HC agreed we should send a (U.S. Mail) letter to each Cemetery Commission member requesting a response by the date of our next meeting.

#### Historical Society

Kathie appeared before the council on August 13 regarding the feasibility of consolidating the HC/HHS. The council agreed that the two groups would remain separate.

The last-elected officers of the HHS appeared before the council on 9/10 to discuss the inactive status of the group. A meeting of the Society has been scheduled for 9/25. Kathie encouraged HC members to join HHS as a show of unity and support. Elections are set for Thursday, 10/23.

#### Historic Markers

Kathie will send out an email regarding volunteer assignments for the Martin's Corner marker dedication on 10/18/08.

The 1790 Milestone proof has been approved. MS&G rep said there is no need for "event," just photo op and press release.

#### Other

D.Boutin observed a possible need for better communication between boards/commissions.

D.Boutin reported the possibility of some funds being available through the Trustees.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Carolyn, Sally, D.Boutin, research on Garos sites by February 1.
2. ZBA meeting 10/14, public hearing
3. Sally, framed prints from Head's
4. Kathie, D.Bernard, estimates for storm windows
5. Kathie, letter to Cemetery Commissioners
6. Kathie, email re Martin's Corner marker dedication volunteer duties

Kathleen Northrup  
Chair  
September 28, 2008

**Old Home Day, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Dedication of Martin's Corner Marker, Saturday, October 18, 2 p.m.**  
**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 6:45 p.m., Library**