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HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 28, 2008

Members present: Kathleen Northrup, Carolyn Schroeder, David Bernard, James Walter.  
Excused: Sally Humphries. Absent: David Boutin, Paul Loiselle. Guest: James Sullivan,  
newly elected President of the Historical Society.

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

Jim moved acceptance of minutes of 9/23/08; Carolyn seconded. Minutes approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Right to Know. Jim will review the furnished material and report to the group at the next meeting.
2. There has been a delay in entering historic marker program info and state register listings on the town web site. Kathie will resend this week.

**Review Assignments**

1. Stone wall inventory, task accepted by Jim in February 2007. Moved to long-term list.
2. Kathie attended the ZBA meeting/public hearing on 10/14. The application for the variance on Main Street property was denied but applicant will reapply.
3. Sally, framed prints from Head's. Deferred, Sally absent.
4. We did not get a volunteer or volunteers to head up the refreshment table on voting day, so Kathie emailed Leslie and declined on behalf of the HC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Head School**

The contractor started the project on 10/7. D.Bernard give a status report. He and/or Kathie have been at the site each day. Photos are being taken for documentation. Some materials from the shed building are being saved for eventual display. Because of the delay in starting the exterior work and the length of the project, the work on the storm windows will have to wait till spring.

Kathie asked for volunteers to start the school program work over the winter. She had sent out some emails a few months ago about sourcing, etc. No one volunteered. Issue will be revisited at next month's meeting.

### Cemeteries

As discussed at last month's meeting, a letter had been to the Cemetery Commissioners on 9/23/08 asking for some response to our 8/18/08 email. A brief email had been sent to Kathie on 9/29/08 advising that the first meeting of the present Cemetery Commission (CC) had been held, and a tour of all the cemeteries was planned. No official response from the CC has been received. The members agreed that Kathie should approach our Council liaison for guidance as to what to do next.

### Old Home Day

The Old Home Day committee asked for stone wall photos and a write-up on the HC for the program booklet so Kathie furnished photos and a narrative about current projects. We sold 1 afghan and 2 barn note cards.

### Historical Society

Jim Sullivan, newly installed President of the HHS, introduced himself to the members. He told us about some future plans of the Society, and his hope that the two groups will work together on upcoming projects.

The members agreed to mat and frame a copy of the Arah Prescott Library State Register certificate to present to the HHS at its first meeting there. Kathie will purchase mat/frame.

### State Register

Kathie made contact with PSNH re hydro station. They do not pursue listings but gave her a lead on historical pics and info.

There is renewed interest in Mt. St. Mary's listing. Kathie has been contacted by a rep and will be attending a condo board meeting.

Group voted to purchase frames and mats for certificates (Arah Prescott, Lilac Bridge, and Head's) to be hung at town hall.

### Historic Sites Inventory

Kathie reminded the members that the HC, by statute, is "charged with surveying and

inventorying all cultural resources.” Assignments were made in March 2007. Other than those projects chosen for State Register application or an historic marker, no progress has been reported.

#### Historic Markers

Martin’s Corner event on 10/18/08 was very well received. Over 100 people attended. The Deerhead board and members were extremely helpful in planning and setting up the tent, tables, and chairs, and in allowing us access to other facilities. Kathie suggested we mat and frame a photo of the former students around the sign as a thank-you for Deerhead. Group agreed.

1790 Milestone to be installed shortly. Kathie may contact members for photo op.

Over the winter Kathie plans to begin work on Martin’s Ferry sites (marker pledged by SNHU). Another possibility for next year is Mt. St. Mary’s. Research could tie in with that done for State Register application.

#### Other

None.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jim, review and report on Right to Know information
2. Sally, framed prints from Head’s
3. Kathie, contact Council Rep for guidance re cemeteries
4. Kathie, mats/frames - State Register certificates/photos for town hall, State Register certificate for HHS, photo for Deerhead

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup  
Chair  
October 29, 2008

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 6:45 p.m., Library**

