

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
March 24, 2009

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

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

D.Boutin moved acceptance of the minutes of 1/27/09; Sally seconded. Minutes approved (D.Bernard and Jim Walter abstained, not present at meeting). Jim moved acceptance of the minutes of 2/24/09, D.Bernard seconded. Minutes approved (Sally and D.Boutin abstained, not present at meeting).

NEW ITEMS:

1. Hooksett Heritage Day set for Saturday, May 30. HHS and Robie's are participating. HHS plans celebration noting 100th anniversary of Arah Prescott building.
2. Remainder of Code of Ethics affidavits were turned in to the Town Administrator. Carolyn will file hers when she returns.
3. Confirming affirmative email vote earlier this month, Kathie purchased an external drive on sale for storage of oral history files and photo collection. Jim will bring a copy of each oral history film to next month's meeting so they can be included on the drive.
4. Kathie circulated letters from: 1) DHR acknowledging receipt of the Hooksett Barn Survey documentation; and 2) letter from Jim Garvin to A. Beauchemin regarding activities in Hooksett.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, order more afghans. Done and received.
2. Sally, framed prints from Head's. Sally has arranged to have a contractor put the items on eBay. That should be done by next week. Sally will follow up.
3. Carolyn, D. Boutin, Sally, research for Conservation Commission re Garos sites (see minutes 9/23/08). Sally will contact D.Hess about this/next CHIP round.

OLD BUSINESS:

Head School

D. Bernard gave a report on the progress of getting estimates for interior work.

Head School Friends are meeting again this month. S. Fineman from Nashua will be in attendance.

Oral History Project

There was additional article in the UL. Kathie also posted the announcement on the website seeking help in transcribing. She continues to get responses from volunteermatch.org.

Several transcripts have been completed (unreviewed). As the interviewer, Kathie is obligated to review the transcript for accuracy, questions, etc. She has transcribed two herself.

In addition to the Bear interview, Jim will also take care of interviews done by SNHU students--Parsons, Oliver, and perhaps Connor.

Historic Markers

Kathie has started working on research for the Hooksett Airport.

Kathie wrote to NHDOT about "historic marker ahead" signs for our markers. They advise that "only the State DOT has the authority for official signs on state roads" so we will not be able to use those signs for our markers.

Other

At prior meetings we had discussed goals for the upcoming year.

Kathie brought forward again the historic resources inventory. The first assignments were chosen in March 2007. As this is specifically one of the HC's statutory duties (674:44-b, I. (a)), she expressed hope that progress can be made on the inventory this year.

Demolition Ordinance

D. Boutin presented information on the Demolition Review Ordinance.

Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the presentation of the proposal to the

town council. D.Boutin will contact the Town Administrator's office to ask for a workshop at 6 p.m. on April 8, prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Carolyn, file Code of Ethics affidavit with TA's office
2. Jim, bring copies of each oral history film to April meeting
3. Sally, contact Conservation Comm re Garos sites information.
4. Sally, framed prints from Head's
5. All members, workshop with council, 6 pm, 4/8/09

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup
Chair
March 29, 2009

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 6:45 p.m., Library