

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 23, 2009

Members present: Kathleen Northrup, David Bernard, James Walter, Carolyn Schroeder, and Sally Humphries (6:52 p.m.). Absent: David Boutin, Paul Loiseau.

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

Jim moved acceptance of the minutes of 5/26/09; Carolyn seconded. Minutes approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. After discussion, Jim moved to expend up to \$50 for a canopy for use at various events. Carolyn seconded. Unanimously approved.

As the table we have been using will no longer be available, Jim also made a motion to expend up to \$75 for the purchase of a 6' folding table for use at various events. Seconded by Carolyn. Unanimously approved. Jim will purchase the table.

2. Kathie distributed a copy of the Annual Report for the period 7/1/08 to 6/30/09. Members were asked to review the draft and provide comments by 7/1.
3. Kathie distributed the handout she'd prepared for the Office of Energy & Planning Conference in May.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Kathie, registration for Old Home Day. Done.
2. Sally, framed prints. Initially discussion was deferred, but matter was taken up at 7:15 p.m. Sally reported that she will be putting the framed prints on Craig's List. She will also contact an auctioneer at Dave's suggestion. We also discussed donating the prints.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Heritage Day

Very good day for everyone. Kathie's tour had 15 participants. Jim Sullivan reports that the HHS had about 55 visitors. We sold \$149 in merchandise. The Head Society group did very well too. Kathie thanked our members who showed up to support the HHS.

Head School

Dave has completed replacing the broken panes and reglazing all the interior windows as well as replacing a missing mullion. The quality of the work done at local firms was not satisfactory.

Dave plans to do the storm window replacement--Lexan for the old plexiglass. We got an excellent price on the Lexan from a friend of the HC.

Dave moved that we expend up to \$3,000 for plaster repair from Moose Plate Grant funds. Jim seconded. Discussion was had. Kathie and Dave are proposing additional plaster restoration with the grant funds. Kathie consulted with J. Garvin to be sure they were on the right track; he agreed. Motion unanimously passed. Because this is over our \$2,000 approval limit, we will have the Town Administrator sign off on the final choice.

Dave and Kathie visited Nashua to measure desk/benches. Hopefully we can find volunteers to build, but we'll have to purchase the wood, stain, etc.

Kathie attended a meeting today of the Hooksett Head School Society. They noted their first priority as fixing the "era" of the school. They also plan visits to other schoolhouses over the summer. They found a volunteer to help with the non-profit filing so also hope to complete that this summer.

#### State Register of Historic Places

The application for the old Town Hall was filed on 6/3/09. It will be on the agenda for the 7/27/09 meeting of the Historical Resources Council.

#### Oral History Project

Kathie got another volunteer--a member of the Heritage Day tour. There were also three more from volunteermatch.org. We have only seven more to do if those who now have interviews finish them. All have been done by volunteers at no expense to the HC. Carolyn asked if thank-yous had been done. Kathie has sent thank-yous to those who have completed assignment(s) and will continue to do so.

Kathie completed transcribing two more interviews she thought too difficult for volunteers because of sound or other problems.

N.B. At the meeting, Carolyn asked about how many volunteers have been involved. I gave a guess but after the meeting double checked. The total is 30. Here's where they came from:

From Volunteermatch.org - 18 (CA (5), NC, NH, OH (2), MD, FL (3), IA, WA, VA, PA, NE) Four of the 18 did not follow through or started then quit. Three have done 2, one is working on her 3rd.

From Union Leader: 4 (all local)

From Banner: 7 (Goffstown, Hooksett and Bow) (two are working on their 4<sup>th</sup> interview)

In person: 1 (Hooksett)

#### Library Scrapbook Scanning Project

After consulting with the Library and the Kiwanis advisor, the scanning project has been withdrawn from the Cawley Builders Club. Not much progress had been made in the last three plus months. Kathie and the Library will continue to look for adult volunteers.

### Other

Kathie followed up with Jo Ann Duffy regarding the stonewall ordinance presented in January 2007. Jo Ann advises that Dan Tatem from Stantec says “it is now included in the '09 draft regs.”

### Other Pending Projects:

1. Survey and Inventory of Cultural Resources (RSA 674:44-b) begun in March 2007.
  - a. Carolyn turned over a USGS aerial photo of the Airport dated 1963
2. Stone Wall Inventory, Jim.
3. Demolition Review Ordinance. As D.Boutin has left the HC, we need a volunteer to take over this matter.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jim, purchase table
2. Sally, framed prints

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup  
Chair  
June 27, 2009

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