

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 23, 2010

(There was no October meeting)

Members present: Kathleen Northrup, Lee Belanger, Sally Humphries, Dan Paradis.  
Excused: David Bernard, Roxanne Kate.

Our Council Rep introduced himself to the group.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. at the library.

Sally moved acceptance of 9/28/10 meeting minutes; Lee seconded. All approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Budget request of \$1,250 approved by members for f/y 2011-2012; \$1,000 for general expenses/projects and \$250 to bank for future Historic Markers.
2. Lee moved to pay expenses for Head and General Account for expenditures June through September; Sally seconded. Approved.
3. Kathie proposed seeking Scenic Road designation for Goffstown Road. Distributed summary of procedure. She has met with Dale and Jo Ann Duffy. Each is gathering further information or getting clarification. Group agreed to pursue details. Kathie will continue to work on the project.

**Review Assignments:**

1. All - Stone wall inventory, think about items to include. As Roxanne was excused, this item was passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Development Regulations**

Kathie appeared before the Planning Board on 11/8/10 for the Development Regulations public hearing. She asked for reconsideration and amendment on the demolition regulation as it appears in the final draft: 1) go back to the 50 year cut-off we recommended, not 75 (1960 vs 1935), and 2) delete the "visible from the road" provision which somehow had gotten added back in. The Indian Cliff, built in 1940, and the 1860 Otterson home were given as examples of sites that would not be covered if the regs were not changed.

They granted the requests for amendments. A continued hearing on all of the regs is set for 11/29; then they will vote. We'll have to get our procedure in place for the demo review when we know the effective date.

### Historic Marker

The Pansy Rebekah Lodge is donating funds for an historic marker at the site of the Odd Fellows Hall on Veterans' Drive. We could possibly do the unveiling in May, maybe as a part of Heritage Day.

Discussed a second marker for next year—either the flood of 1936 or the Hooksett Airport. We will use funds from our historic marker account for this one; this will about deplete the account.

### Head School

Talked about the success of the dedication on October 2.

A finish carpenter has been engaged to fit and weatherproof the front door. Sally moved to expend up to \$300 for his services, Dan seconded. All approved. The work will be done this week.

Briefly discussed the privy situation. With no water and the prohibition against digging within 25' of a grave site, the choices are limited. The schoolmarms are investigating a self-composting unit.

### Historic Sites Inventory

Kathie reminded the members that our first listed statutory charge is to "survey and inventory all cultural resources." Other than those sites listed on the State Register or which have an historic marker and to a limited degree the historic sites of the month display Kathie has been doing for the town hall, we have not made too much progress with our inventory.

The DHR advises that a "survey of a community's historic and cultural resources is essential to understand the significance and public value of such resources."

The Preservation Alliance cites the historical resource survey as "an essential tool for heritage . . . commissions. A survey of a community's historic buildings, structures, sites and objects forms the backbone for shaping the preservation component of a municipal master plan . . . . The survey will reveal the historic character of a community and determine which resources take preservation priority and why."

### Oral History Project

Bob Schroeder volunteered to do interview regarding history of Hooksett Airport; he will interview Bill Shackford and Roger Hebert who flew out of there. (N.B. the interview was done on 11/24/10.)

Other

Briefly discussed the progress of the Town Hall Preservation Committee. Chairman Ross gave an update to the council a couple weeks ago and sought help with engineering services and the drafting of a warrant article setting up a dedicated account.

Kathie offered two projects that need attention:

- ▶ Proofing history book. Kathie has scanned the Hooksett section of the *History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties*. She asked for 2 volunteers to do the proofreading--one reader, one proofreader.
- ▶ Indexing school reports. Over the years, many school reports from the Annual Reports have been photocopied. Need to organize them in a binder so they may be more accessible. Dan offered to do this task.

Briefly talked about the suggestion in June that we start compiling information for an updated Hooksett history book; such an update was mentioned as goals in January 08 and January 10). Will discuss more at a future meeting.

As is our usual practice, the group agreed to have no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 25, 2011.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie - Scenic Road designation
2. Kathie - research 2011 historic markers
3. Dan - Organize school reports

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup  
Chair  
November 28, 2010

**Next meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011  
6:45 p.m., Hooksett Public Library**