

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
January 25, 2011
(There was no December meeting)

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

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

Approval of the minutes of 11/23/10 deferred; insufficient members present.

NEW ITEMS:

1. Roxanne reported on collections for the end of Oct through December.
2. Pinnacle. Kathie offered our help to Parks & Recreation. They had a joint meeting with Conservation Comm on December 7 and a small group planning meeting on January 6. Kathie offered to gather some history for an article in the Banner when appropriate and also offered to do the State Register application.
3. Trails. At the suggestion of the Div of Historical Resources, signs will be posted on the trails prohibiting digging, metal detecting, etc., and discouraging picking up and carrying away artifacts from archaeological and historical sites--“Don’t Erase Traces of Hooksett’s Past”. Kathie offered a few samples, e.g., barns, village center, stone walls, to the head of the Trails Committee. A copy of the sign using a stone wall photo was shown.
4. Kathie asked the members to think about whether we should institute a procedure for selling photos--hard copies or electronic. Perhaps we could research other societies or commissions and see what they are doing. It is quite an investment of time to scan and maintain the photos. Should we use this as a fund-raising tool? The Historical Society does not have a policy yet.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie - Scenic Road designation. Some research done but not yet completed.
2. Dan - Organize school reports. Before the meeting, Dan left two completed binders at the library for us. He has made substantial progress in organizing and indexing the reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rules and Procedures, HC

These need to be drafted.

Hooksett History Book Update

At the June meeting, we discussed the possibility of updating Hooksett's history as the Hardy book only covers to 1968. Roxanne suggested we start making a list of significant events, perhaps in consultation with local residents, which we think some future author should include. We discussed how to go about making this list. Suggested that perhaps the Town's Annual Reports may be a resource. Roxanne will check the categories in the Hardy book to see which may be good candidates for updating.

Excerpt from book, *History of Merrimack & Belknap Counties*, 1885. The proofreading of the scanned section on Hooksett has been completed by Kathie and a volunteer. The changes now need to be made in the electronic copy.

Head School

We still are in need of regulations for use of Head's.

We finally sold the desk and chair that were in the cemetery commission's office. We still have 10 chairs-3 refinished, 7 as is. Kathie also sold the two cemetery urns from the shed.

Head School Society had their first meeting on 1/10/11. Head's will open the first week in May, the week after Spring vacation. They are developing a program for 1st graders (8 classes) on their Around the Town visit in May. The marms are following up on contacts made last year. They are still exploring some kind of toilet unit; they will make a recommendation to us.

Stone Wall Project

Before snowfall, Roxanne had made some progress on the inventory. Any further searching will be deferred until Spring. Roxanne will send a copy of the proposed inventory form to the members. If you haven't yet passed along your suggestions, please do so soon.

Old Town Hall Update

Kathie updated the group on recent developments. A proposed floor plan and estimate to bring the 1937 addition up to code have been developed.

Oral History Project

Kathie will contact the newest Citizen of the Year to ask about an interview. She is waiting to hear from two others.

Demolition Review Ordinance

The provisions went into effect 11/29/10. Kathie has contacted the CEO to offer assistance. In the meantime, we should review and get our procedure in place. Kathie will work on a flow chart of dates, action items, etc.

Historic Marker

Kathie is nearly done with for the IOOF marker. She will be appearing before P&R next week to invite them to participate. IOOF marker will be in a Hooksett park, perhaps Hooksett's oldest municipal park, so this might be a nice chance to celebrate that part of history also.

Talked about a new covering for markers, i.e., to use for unveiling. Roxanne will give the matter some thought.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie - Scenic Road designation
2. All - policy on selling photos
3. Roxanne - check Hardy book for possible categories for update
4. All - last call on suggestions for stone wall inventory form
5. Kathie - contact Dave Hess about oral history interview
6. Kathie - flow chart demo ordinance
7. Roxanne - ideas for new marker covering

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup
Chair
January 26, 2011

**Next meeting Tuesday, February 22, 2011
6:45 p.m., Hooksett Public Library**