

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 22, 2011

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

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

Sally moved acceptance of 11/23/10 meeting minutes; Kathie seconded. Approved.  
Roxanne moved acceptance of 1/25/11 meeting minutes; Dave seconded. All approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Kathie appeared before the council on 2/16/11 to: give a final report on Head School, ask them to accept in-kind donations to Head's, and ask them to accept the Rebekahs' donation for the historic marker. They were complimentary about the work done at Head's and accepted both donations.
2. Our budget request of \$1,250 was approved by the council.
3. Letter of support to legislators for LCHIP. S. Couture of the Conservation Commission asked if the HC would be interested in signing on to a letter asking our legislators to support the LCHIP program in upcoming budget discussions. The letter would also be signed by the Historical Society and Robie's. Kathie distributed a leaflet on the economic benefits of the LCHIP program and draft letter. Sally moved that the HC join the other groups in signing the letter; Roxanne seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Heritage Day, Saturday, May 21. National theme is Celebrating America's Treasures. This date was acceptable to the members. Robie's and HHS will again be cosponsoring with us. Kathie invited Parks & Rec to participate in the marker program; they are pleased to do so. HHS plans an historical scavenger hunt. Kathie will invite the Town Hall Preservation Committee to participate when it meets next week. More discussion at our next meeting.

Kathie advised the group that there is a bill in the NH legislature (HB 585, <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2011/HB0585.html>) to designate the third Friday in October as NH History Day. It will take effect 60 days after. It has been passed by the House and looks like it will go before the Senate in March. We should think about what we might do to celebrate the occasion.

5. Dave moved to expend \$25 for registration, educational seminar "The Architect, the Heritage Commission, and the Demolition Review Ordinance," February 23, Concord. Sally seconded, unanimously approved. NH Preservation Alliance is leading the panel discussion. Kathie to attend.

6. Roxanne moved to expend \$50 for registration, March 26 seminar on “Telling Your Family Story,” at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications. Dave seconded, unanimously approved. Kathie to attend.
7. The library has invited our participation in the upcoming Edible Books event. Info is available at <http://hooksettlibrary.org/ediblebooks.html>.
8. Roxanne reported on January receipts for sales of merchandise.
9. Kathie distributed an excerpt from the NH Preservation Alliance News, Winter 2010, in which the Head School dedication was featured in the “Around New Hampshire” section.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Kathie - Scenic Road designation. Waiting for info from town officials.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Policy for Selling Photos

Discussed pros and cons on our having a policy on disseminating photographs from our collection. Roxanne will find out the cost for various size photos from local outlets to give us a starting point.

Rules and Procedures, HC

These need to be drafted. Sally offered to take on this task. Kathie will send whatever info she has accumulated.

Hooksett History Book Update

Roxanne gave an update. She reviewed how she came up with the possible categories—weather-related events, political climate, government structure, infrastructure changes/town development, socio-economic conditions, cultural resources, health and welfare.

Decided we might start a solicitation at Heritage Day. Even if we couldn't afford to go forward at this time, there's no harm in beginning to outline significant events, etc. Roxanne will see if she can get a ballpark figure for hiring an author to write the update.

### State Register

Kathie got permission from the council on 2/16/11 to file the State Register application for the Pinnacle.

### Head School

Head's will be included on Hooksett's Around the Town tour for 8 first grade classes in May. Third graders (8 classes) from Hooksett will be coming in the fall. The Society has also booked a charter school in Pembroke. They are following up on contacts from last year including home schoolers. Pembroke public schools and Allenstown are also interested.

The regulations for use still need to be developed. For example, no food or drink (other than water?) in the buildings, sweeping up when done, can other than Town groups use the facility, if there's a commode who does maintenance, if we entertain a group (Scouts, e.g.) we do the cleaning/maintenance?, etc.

Kathie asked if we would like to prohibit the use of ink with younger than 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The majority of the group agreed that is a good idea. The marms are exploring washable poster paint or something similar as a substitute.

Composting toilet. The marms have located a self-composting toilet for use in the outhouse. Dave has reviewed the brochure but will also visit the retailer in Concord. There are obstacles to this installation. He will also make contact about the price of a commercial port-a-potty. Members agreed that there should be facilities available.

### Old Town Hall Update

The last meeting was cancelled; next meeting is 2/28/11. The group has proposed a warrant article to allow the establishment of a fund to accept donations. It will be on the May ballot. This would allow the Town Council to establish expendable trust funds for donations without having to ask the voters each time. Such donations can only be utilized for the purposes for which they were given.

### Oral History Project

Kathie has contacted the current Citizen of the Year, and he has agreed to an interview.

### Demolition Review Ordinance

Kathie has started review but not completed it.

Historic Marker

IOOF has been ordered. Copies of the text and fact checking sheet were distributed.

Stone Wall Project

Roxanne updated us. Members will be prepared to discuss the future of this project at our next meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie - Scenic Road designation
2. Kathie - finish up LCHIP support letter
3. Kathie - attend educational seminar 2/23
4. Kathie - register for 3/26/11 seminar
5. Sally - rules of procedure
6. Roxanne - estimate history update
7. Dave - follow up re composting commode
8. All - continue stone wall project?

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup  
Chair  
February 23, 2011

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