

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
September 27, 2011

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Roxanne Kate, Jim Sullivan (council rep), Peggy Teravainen.

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

Peggy moved acceptance of 8/23/11 meeting minutes; Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.

NEW ITEMS:

1. Roxanne reported on receipts for Old Home Day and outlets for September
2. Town council priorities: got an update from Jim. Peggy commented on cultural activities. Jim will review revised priorities and ensure that preservation and cultural activities are covered.
3. Medallion/sun catcher/ornament. Confirming recent email correspondence, Peggy made a motion to expend \$375 for 100 ornaments and die cut of Hooksett Village School plus 2 display stands. Roxanne seconded, all approved.
There are 10 additional green medallions. Jim made a motion to purchase these for \$36.50; Peggy seconded. All approved.
Group decided not to pursue an order of 35 amber medallions in October.
Evelyn will sell these at her office for us starting today. Kathie sent a blurb to the Banner for next week. This will also appear in an upcoming newsletter.
Group talked about selling the ornaments at October events.
4. Garos barn. Kathie mentioned at our last meeting that the Barns binder would be updated with newspaper articles. She was reminded after, however, that we never did interview the barn owner so there is no inventory form. Kathie contacted M. Ruel for additional pictures. She also printed up old pictures that the owner had given to her. She will create a barns inventory form for the binder.
5. Kathie would like the HC to adopt the project of refurbishing the plaques on the Jacob Square Veterans' Monument. Fund-raising to start any time with the ceremony next Memorial Day perhaps. She will obtain three estimates, one from the foundry that makes our historic markers and two from local companies.
The members agreed this would be a good project.
Kathie suggested we might partner with the Legion. She will attend their next meeting to discuss the project.
6. Kathie brought a copy of the annual report featuring the Pinnacle.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, date of construction information on permit applications.//no progress
2. Kathie, Pearl Johnson photo and bio for Head's--done. Also scanned, framed and wrote narrative for other old maps found in the attic.
3. Roxanne, merchandise information to Jim for HHS website. Will do.
4. Kathie, list of Civil War soldiers to Jim--done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Head School

Discussed briefly rules for use. Deferred to next month when we'll have a draft. Members to send any comments to Roxanne. Members will, after reviewing possible rules we might impose, consider the threshold question: do we want to allow open usage?

Kathie showed the group a sample of descriptive labels for the entryway photo display. Peggy made a motion for \$77 for labels; Jim seconded. All approved.

Jim made a motion to purchase similar labels for marking objects in the privy "mini museum" display, up to \$100. Peggy seconded; all approved.

Indian Mural

Kathie continues to work on researching the mural and its artist. She has contacted, among others, the artist's son, a Postmaster in VA, the NH Council on the Arts, McGowan Art Gallery, NH Historical Society, and the woman who chaired the restoration project of the New Deal mural in Smithfield VA who is now living in Jerusalem.

She has been advised that the next step is to get an estimate for a conservator to do an inspection and write a treatment plan. The larger mural is pretty dirty but generally in good shape.

Jim moved to expend up to \$225 for conservators' fees for inspections and treatment plans. Peggy seconded; all approved.

After that it may be wise to get an appraisal to determine value for insurance purposes.

Discussion was had on ownership of both murals, whether we should get one or both looked at, etc. Consensus was to have conservator look at both. Decision could then be made to proceed with one or both, when to proceed, different approaches, etc.

We will have to look for private grant money. Unfortunately, based on information developed so far, the murals are not eligible for a Moose Plate grant as they are not old enough (must be 50 years or older).

NH History Week

Kathie has been working on press. We will have an individual release for our session. Members are asked to send to their contacts. Group decided to offer water and cider only for refreshments. Kathie will bring some of our cups; Peggy will do drink shopping. Roxanne has a gallon of cider.

Historic Markers

Sad to report that the State of NH marker at Lambert's Park regarding the NH Canal System was recently vandalized and the top stolen. Parks & Rec has reported it to the Police; Kathie reported to Division of Historical Resources. There may be funds in the State budget for replacement markers, so they will review. If it is replaced, there were some inaccuracies in the text so DHR offered to have the HC do the rewrite.

Hooksett History Book Update

Discussed list of possible topics for update. If members have any to add to Roxanne's or Jim's lists, please forward to Roxanne.

Kathie suggested putting a blurb in an upcoming town newsletter; it is issued the first Friday of the month. Roxanne will draft.

Demo Review

Peggy discussed a few of the sites she has photographed. She will explore the history of a property in the village.

Other

Jim updated us on the possible preservation of a cabin from one of two Route 3 motor courts. Unfortunately after inspection by the DPW Director neither of the two structures considered is in good enough shape to save/move.

Peggy is excused for our October meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie, date of construction info on demo permit applications
2. Kathie order extra green medallions
3. Kathie to meet with Legion re plaque project.
4. All, comments on Head School usage to Roxanne
5. Kathie, labels for Head museum
6. All, any thoughts on history book outline
7. Roxanne, draft of history topics request for newsletter
8. Roxanne, list of merchandise to Jim for HHS website
9. Support History Week activities!

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
September 29, 2011

Next meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2011 - 6:45 p.m., Library