

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 25, 2011

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

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. at the Library.

Roxanne moved acceptance of 9/27/11 meeting minutes; Jim seconded. Unanimously approved. When the members were asked for discussion, Jim motioned to amend the minutes regarding the Indian mural as it was written in the singular and should reflect more than one estimate. He moved to amend the motion for “up to \$200 for the services of a conservator for initial inspection” to read “moved to expend up to \$225 for conservators’ fees for inspections and treatment plans.” Roxanne seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jim moved to accept the 9/27/11 minutes as amended; Roxanne seconded. Unanimously approved.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Roxanne reported on receipts, Robie’s only.
2. Discussed the budget request for 7/1/12-6/30/13. Decided to increase the amount in the historic marker line for a marker at Lincoln Park (see Historic Marker under Old Business) and add in \$125 for port-a-potty rental at Head School. Members approved the requested amount totaling \$3,125.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Kathie order extra green medallions. Done.
2. Kathie meet with local group re Veterans’ Monument project. Done. Project is a go. She is still waiting for two local estimates. Will set up meeting with mason for input on refurbishing the granite obelisk as needed.
3. Roxanne, list of merchandise to Jim for HHS website. Done.
4. Jim, council priorities to include historic preservation–update. Jim advised that the council priorities and “what makes Hooksett unique” lists have been amended to include mention of cultural and historic resources.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Head School**

Discussion on usage/rules for usage deferred.

Kathie reported that labels for Head museum are done.

The marms will be attending the PTA statewide conference in November. They will have an exhibitor’s booth with information about their program hoping to interest other schools in booking a class.

The marms had one class from a new school this fall–Mt. St. Mary’s Academy in Manchester on 10/17. Very well received.

R. Knowles and Kathie closed up today for the winter.

#### Indian Mural

Kathie met with a local (Raymond) conservator on 10/14. Quotes were shared with the members.

She has made an appointment with another conservator on 11/3. Money for fee was approved at last month's meeting.

#### Scenic Road

Kathie has finished research and is meeting with J. Duffy on 10/26 to determine next step. Eventually the petition for designation goes before the council for approval. The road is quite beautiful, especially this time of year.

#### NH History Week

General agreement that History Week/month was a success.

The Clayton opener had 37 people. The Haunts and Spirits had a good turnout for an inaugural event despite monsoon rains for first session.

Our Native American History of NH event welcomed 35 people; it was very well received. There were attendees from Bedford, Hooksett (most), Manchester, Goffstown, Canterbury, Allentown, Londonderry. They learned about the program from Hippo, UL, Banner, Heritage Comm (2nd most), Historical Society, NHHHC calendar (most). The evaluations indicated very positive comments. Critical comments included mention of the lack of Hooksett-specific information as had been advertised.

The Primary History program at Robie's was excellent, 21 guests.

The HHS open house on the 20<sup>th</sup> hosted about 25 scouts and leaders. The Saturday Treasure Hunt was not well attended.

The final event is 10/27.

#### Pinnacle Project

A meeting of the planning group was held on 10/24. Talked about signs on Ardon and options for privacy protection. Hope to cut driveway and parking lot area this year. L. Lessard has marked it out with proper sight distances, etc. There will be a public hearing soon to bring abutters and others up to date.

#### Historic Markers

Discussed the council's recent decision about a small piece of property in Lincoln Park on Coaker Avenue. At the meeting on 10/12/11 the council decided to retain the property as a "pocket park" and to ask us to provide an appropriate marker. Funds for this marker are included in our budget request.

#### Demo Review

Peter Rowell, Code Enforcement Officer, has resigned.

Further discussion on implementation deferred pending new members.

### Rules of Procedure

Roxanne distributed a draft she had put together. Will email electronic copy. She has taken sections from several other towns which most closely describe our operation. Members to review for discussion at our next meeting.

### Hooksett History Book Update

Roxanne will email to members the outline of topics received so far. She will also prepare a draft soliciting topics for inclusion in the town newsletter.

Jim suggested going through the scrapbooks at the library for more news items.

She reviewed her recent conversation with an author who has written town histories and his comments about how and how not to approach the project. He can suggest a couple of names to us for writers. He gave some items to consider when printing.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Peggy, explore history of Village property (from Sep meeting)
2. Roxanne, consolidate ideas for Head usage for discussion at November meeting
3. Roxanne, email electronic copy of rules of procedure
4. Roxanne, email members an outline of history book topics gathered so far
5. Roxanne, draft item soliciting topics for newsletter

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair  
October 27, 2011

Next meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2011 - 6:45 p.m., Library