

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 27, 2011

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Roxanne Kate, Dave Rogers. Jim Sullivan (council rep) arrived at 7 p.m. Excused: Peggy Teravainen.

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

After Jim's arrival Roxanne moved acceptance of minutes of 10/25/11, Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consideration of 11/22/11 meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of members tonight who were present at that meeting.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Roxanne reported on receipts for November and December. Kathie reported on sales at the PTA Fair on 12/3/11.
2. Conservation Commission received \$80,000 from LCHIP towards the purchase of Garos/Brown land. We contributed historical background for the application.
3. We have lost another oral historian—Oscar Morin Jr. Kathie furnished a photo and his Citizen of the Year narrative to the Banner for the story that accompanied his obituary.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Kathie, gather info for appearance before council—done. Kathie appeared before the council 11/30/11 and reported on the HC's activities for the period 7/10 to 11/11.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Scenic Road

Material (draft ordinance, mailing to abutters, etc.) has been given to the town administrator for review. Next step will be the public hearing before the council. Members present, except Jim, signed the petition which will be presented to the Clerk.

Indian Murals

Kathie is now contacting appraisers to get estimates. There was a nice article in today's Union Leader. As a result Kathie got a call from someone who used to work with Cheever at Hermsdorf.

Pinnacle Project

The Pinnacle Planning Committee made recommendations to the Conservation Commission and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board at a public hearing on 12/6/11. That completes the work of that committee.

Veterans' Monument

Fund-raising possibilities were discussed with the Legion: Dinner, poker tournament, bingo, yard sale (indoors at town hall gym?), jars at businesses. More discussion next month.

\$1,300 collected so far, minus \$200 expense.

Contacted scout master re Eagle Scout possible participation--beautification of park aspect.  
We have or will have 3 estimates for refinishing plaques, 3 estimates for monument cleaning.

### Rules of Procedure

Spent considerable time reviewing the draft of our rules of procedure. Roxanne will make the changes and send out a new copy for review.

### Demo Review

Dave has reviewed demo reg and other material. Discussed ways to prioritize doing background. Kathie will get a report from Assessing on buildings constructed 1801-1849 to supplement an earlier report.

Dave appointed to the DRC. Members are: Dave, Roxanne, and Peggy. Alternates: Kathie and Jim.

### 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 Division of Historical Resources 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."

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Roxanne, email members an outline of history book topics gathered so far  
Roxanne, draft item soliciting topics for newsletter
2. Kathie, obtain remaining Scenic Road petition signatures, present to council when called
3. Roxanne, updated draft of rules of procedure.  
All, review updated draft
4. All, fund-raising ideas for veterans memorial project
5. Kathie, request report from assessing

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair

December 28, 2011

**Next meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - 6:45 p.m., CAWLEY SCHOOL**