

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
January 24, 2012

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Roxanne Kate, Jim Sullivan, and Dave Rogers.
Excused: Peggy Teravainen. Guest: Steve Couture.

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

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

Roxanne moved acceptance of 12/27/11 minutes; Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Steve Couture of the Conservation Commission requested an appointment before the commission to discuss his project to develop a policy for trail maintenance and development of conservation lands in Hooksett. He will be writing a paper on how the town will want to organize Hooksett's trail efforts. He appeared to ask for a representative from the HC who would work with him on the development of the draft policy. Dave volunteered.

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

We got caught up on introductions of members.

1. Roxanne reported on receipts; Kathie reported a sale from her home.
2. Garos barn inventory. Roxanne volunteered to call present owner of the property to get a history of the barn, construction, what it was used for, when her parents purchased it, etc., whatever data and anecdotal information we can gather.
3. Boston Post Cane to be presented February 8, 2012. HC and HHS will present the honoree with a token gift.
4. Jim advised that the council had approved our budget as requested.

Review Assignments:

All were included in old business items.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed Heritage Day in May. Chose tentative date of Sunday, May 20. Will firm up at next month's meeting. Kathie suggested a cemetery tour and/or speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rules of Procedure

Reviewed draft and sections added since last month. Roxanne will prepare final version.

Scenic Road

Public hearing scheduled for the Wednesday, January 25, council meeting. As signers to the petition, the clerk had sent notice to members. Kathie has prepared a virtual tour of the road with photos taken during foliage season to show at the meeting.

Veterans' Monument

Kathie met with reps of the FD and Legion for planning. Decided on a softball event, Sunday, June 3, tentative date.

At their January 11, 2012, meeting council added a line item in next year's budget for \$2,000 towards the restoration project.

Old Town Hall Update

Councilor Lovas Orr has set a reception to be held Saturday, February 18, 1 p.m. at the old town hall. They will be reorganizing a working group. Our members will be invited to show support for the project.

Demolition Review Regulation

Kathie had requested reports of oldest structures from Assessing. Roxanne will email the .xls files up through 1900 to members. We will share information we obtain with Assessing if corrections need to be made.

History Book Update

Roxanne had emailed members an outline of history book topics gathered so far. Discussed how we want to proceed. Members want to keep this as an active project. Roxanne will draft an item for the town newsletter and/or Banner soliciting topics.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Roxanne, Garos barn inventory information
2. All, Heritage Day plans
3. Roxanne, final version of rules
4. All, Old Town Hall reception
5. Roxanne, item soliciting topics

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
January 26, 2012

Next meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - 6:45 p.m., Library