

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 23, 2012  
(There was no September meeting.)

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Dave Rogers, Scott Riley. Excused: Jim Sullivan.  
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at Mt. St. Mary's. Welcomed new member Scott Riley.  
Dave moved acceptance of the 8/28/12 minutes; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Peggy Teravainen resigned from the commission via email received 9/14.
2. Kathie reported on receipts for merchandise sales in September and October.
3. Kathie presented expenses for Vet Mem account for approval. Dave moved to pay the voucher; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Kathie assisted Banner reporter with photos and captions for Pinnacle trail article.
5. NH Preservation Alliance's 7 to Save plus tour of Pandora. Kathie attended the event last week. She will distribute the list to members.
6. Kathie responded to request for pictures of Village School under construction from neighbor; request for pictures and info on Howard Johnson's from a person in Maine; and request for Lincoln Park info and photos. Also to an inquiry about the architect from a Mt. St. Mary's resident and a request for Sky Ray photos made at Old Home Day.
7. Oct 2 Kathie met with new owner of Heffron barn and property. He hosted representatives of public and private groups who assist barn owners. Very interesting plans. The experts were very impressed with the condition of the barn and the plans.
8. Kathie followed up with the Cemetery Commission re status of Riverside Cemetery fence. M. Horne advises it will be done this fiscal year by 6/30/13. Also on status of family cemetery by Cate/Hemeon—no response yet. Kathie was notified by a concerned neighbor that there was a lot of clearing going on in the area. She referred him to the Cemetery Commission.
9. Tax Office received Moose Plate grant to preserve records from 1825-1865. Kathie offered our congratulations.

**REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Medallions were ordered and received—blue, green and amber. They were sold at Old Home Day and now in the Town Administrator's office.
2. Discussed selling merchandise at voting but decided against doing so due to work schedules.
3. Discussed the budget for 2013/2014. Approved a request in the amount of \$4,500—operating expenses \$1,000; markers \$2,500; Veterans' Park \$1,000.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### NH History Week

Our one-room school program on 10/11 went well except for late arrival by speaker. Addition of marms as introduction was excellent; we had 25 people in attendance. A few left before the speaker arrived. Lions event very well attended, haunts about 50 people, Mrs. Robie and G. Robie at the store on Saturday about 20 in attendance. Last event at HHS this Thursday.

Kathie was invited by Preservation Alliance to speak at History Week kick-off event at the NH Historical Society on 10/23 in Concord. She told of our wide-range of projects in Hooksett.

### Indian Murals

Possible October date had to be cancelled. No work could be done until after approval by Governor and council; missed the deadline for the early October meeting. We have not been notified of new date.

School Board allowed mural to be moved from Underhill so conservation work could be done in one place. They also agreed to give up physical possession so the murals could be displayed together.

### Veterans' Monument

Discussed irrigation as a part of our wish list. Kathie met with Village Water Precinct superintendent who will propose to the water commissioners that they waive the connection and meter fees. We would pay for everything beyond the meter. Leo Lessard supports, estimates \$1,000 for materials. DPW would install in the spring if we raise the funds. Kathie will be sure the town will fund the future fees. HC members are in favor of installation of irrigation to maintain and preserve the investment.

Kathie advised that the landscaper who will do the work at the oval can schedule the job for the week of October 29. Scott made a motion to accept the offer of Blue Ribbon Fencing and Landscaping to donate all labor to install the raised bed and the granite post. Dave seconded, passed unanimously. Kathie will notify the two other bidders.

At our July 24 meeting Jim made a motion which passed unanimously to expend up to \$1,000 for:

1. Purchase of materials for raised bed
2. Purchase of 10' x 8" x 8" granite post (\$300)
3. Unforeseen contingencies.

Just recently Kathie found out that the estimate for the raised bed materials had been incorrectly figured by the company. Our landscaper refigured it with the supplier; the correct price is \$978. The above motion, then, would cover only the materials for the raised bed and some expenses (cement and tube for installation of post). Town will furnish fill and loam for the job.

Dave made a motion to authorize \$300 for the purchase from Belisle Granite of an 8" x 8" x 10' granite post to which the sign will be affixed. Scott seconded, unanimously approved. Belisle offered the best price for what we needed.

Scott made a motion to expend up to \$800 for the two signs (park sign and directional sign on Merrimack Street) from Frank's Signs. Dave seconded; unanimously approved. Four companies had been contacted; only this one timely responded. We had worked with this vendor on our Scenic Road signs.

Dave made a motion to expend an amount not to exceed \$500 for unforeseen expenditures and for plants if feasible to purchase this fall. Scott seconded; unanimously approved.

Kathie is meeting with Leo Belisle (a long-time Legion member) about ideas for the dedication. She will also bring up with him the idea of having a stone or stones for more recent conflicts. The idea had initially been rejected by Legion reps.

Discussed thoughts about the dedication. According to the Hardy book, the memorial had never been officially dedicated. Page 105: "It was planned to have a dedication service but as time went on, the list [of names of those who served] was not considered complete and dedication services were indefinitely postponed." Talked about playing of taps, Army Band, bag piper, reenactors to tell stories of a few veterans (Civil, WW, WW II at least), reading of original poem.

Discussed possible dates. Dave suggested Saturday, June 15, in recognition of Flag Day (June 14), which would allow us more time in the spring to finish things up.

## **OTHER FUND-RAISERS**

### Variety Show

As Peggy has left the group, there will be no variety show.

### Appraisals

Dave reviewed his idea for an "Antiques Roadshow" event. Discussed possible locations to have the event, details about cost, etc. He will contact his potential appraiser in December for a possible event in the spring.

### Family Feud

We received many favorable comments about the Feud, most requesting that it be repeated.

### Demolition Review Regulation

Scott agreed to review demo regulation material and propose how we could do preliminary research on possible listings.

### Head School

First grade classes visited the week of June 4 as well as the Pembroke charter school.  
The School Board held its June 19 meeting at the school.

Hooksett third graders visited the week of September 24 and tried out the new split program to cut down on bus fees. One class went to Head's for a somewhat abbreviated lesson (1/1/2 hours rather than 2 hours), the other class went to the old part of the Village School for "nooning" activities (games, toys, etc.). It was very well received by chaperones and teachers.

A private academy from Manchester returned (their second year) in October.  
Kathie and one of the marms will be closing up for the winter on 10/25.

### Historic Markers

Marker at Martin's Corner School was also peeling paint. It has been sent back to the company. KN inspected all others; they are ok.

### State Register

Dave has some interest by Mt. St. Mary's residents to work on listing the property to the State Register. He will oversee their project, not as a HC member but as a resident. Kathie provided a copy of an earlier inventory form and suggested perhaps a meeting with the State Register person at Division of Historical Resources (DHR) would be useful as to what to include, etc.

On Oct 1 Kathie met with a grad student from Plymouth's Historic Preservation course. The student had been referred by the Director DHR/State Historic Preservation Officer. She will be doing an inventory/application for listing on State Register for Riverside Cemetery.

### Old Town Hall Committee

Kathie was appointed to the committee in September. Jim is also a member. First meeting of new committee will be 10/29. HC members invited to attend. (Note after meeting: OTHPC meeting for 10/29 was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.)

### Other

Kathie asked group if we should pull our merchandise from Robie's as sales are infrequent. Consensus was to remove the merchandise (Hardy books, Robie's posters) at this time.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie, irrigation follow up with Precinct and Town Administrator
2. Scott, review demo regulation for discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair  
November 12, 2012

Next meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - 6:45 p.m., Library