

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
November 27, 2012

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Dave Rogers, Jim Sullivan, Scott Riley (7:10 p.m.)
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the library.
Dave moved acceptance of the 10/23/12 minutes; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Kathie reported on receipts for merchandise sales in November.
2. Kathie presented expenses from general account for approval. Dave moved to pay the voucher; Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. Kathie received a request for info on Poor Farm property
4. Kathie manned a table at PTA Ladies' Night Out Vendor Fair November 5, 2012
5. PTA Christmas Sale, Saturday, December 8, 11 am to 1 p.m., Underhill School. Dave, Scott, and Kathie will cover. Setup between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
6. The Chichester Heritage Commission inquired about our Scenic Road signs
7. Kathie heard from former chair of Cemetery Comm--family cemetery off Cate Road is ok. Digging in the area has not impacted the site.
8. Some annual town reports now on the internet starting with 1915. There are some gaps, but a great feature is that they are searchable.
<http://archive.org/search.php?query=publisher%3A%22%5BHooksett%2C+N.H.+%3A+The+Town%5D%22> Kathie will ask the Library about how the gaps could be filled.
9. As has been our custom, there will be no December meeting.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS:

As discussed at last month's meeting, our merchandise was removed from Robie's.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Merrimack Riverfront Project. Discussed the HC donating to the Conservation Commission's effort to purchase property along the river (former Garos property). Because of its cultural and historical importance, the commission voted to donate \$200 from sales of merchandise. Jim moved; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved. Kathie will request a check.
2. Afghans--supply is very low. Jim moved to order 10 more of each color (and overrun if applicable), up to \$700; seconded by Dave. Unanimously approved. Kathie will place the order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Murals

Approved by Governor and council 11/14/12. Waiting for official notification.

Veterans' Monument

Assignment Kathie--Irrigation--OK with town administrator, precinct meeting on 10/29 cancelled due to hurricane.

Dig Safe found a gas line running down the north third or so of the grassy oval. OK to install bed but will affect some planting.

Work on raised bed started November 26, 2012; should be completed this week. No planting was attempted because of the lateness of the year. This will conclude work on the site until spring.

Kathie spoke to local poet about a poem to either read or use an excerpt in the program.

Kathie found out from assessing that the names and addresses of veterans' and surviving spouses getting real estate tax exemptions could be shared for invitation to the dedication. Group thought we should invite them. Scott will convert data to labels.

Kathie met with Leo Belisle. Got a few leads on bands, protocols, etc.

Dave has made contact with an appraiser for the Roadshow event. He will pin down any possible fee and discuss dates in the spring.

Reviewed the Family Feud held on 9/13/12. Decided to hold another Feud in the spring to raise additional funds for the memorial project. Jim will check on setup at the library and suggest possible dates.

Demolition Review Regulation

Scott not yet ready to discuss review of procedures. Deferred to next meeting.

State Register

NH Division of Historical Resources has offered to help Kathie with a National Register application for the Prescott building. She will pursue this winter.

Discussed the new barrier-free ramp to be added to Prescott Library next spring. It will be installed in the rear of the building so as to not deface the facade.

Old Town Hall Committee

Meeting scheduled for 10/29/12 was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy; has not been reset.

History Book Update

Abbreviated articles have appeared in the Banner a few times since the original article. No responses.

There have been prior discussions about starting with "decade" PR stories to raise interest. Roxanne had been handling this project. Jim offered to draft some "what happened by decade" information.

Other

Kathie brought forward idea of “Judges’ Gallery,” a project which has been pending for some time. It would include photos of judges serving in Hooksett, bios of each, and a history of the court system in Hooksett including locations. Dave will take a look at this.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie, ask library about additional reports online
2. Kathie, check for Merrimack Riverfront project
3. Kathie, order afghans
4. Scott, review of demo reg for discussion
5. Jim, items for updated history
6. Dave, Judges’ Gallery

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
December 2, 2012

NO DECEMBER MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - 6:45 p.m., Library