

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 26, 2013

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan, Scott Riley, Dave Rogers.

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

Jim moved acceptance of the 3/11/13 minutes; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jeff Kevan from T.F. Moran came before the commission to discuss some plans for potential demolition on SNHU property. Kathie explained the commission could take no action at this point as no request for permit has been filed so there is nothing before us. We'll await the filing of the application. Kathie suggested that if they discover any "historical or architectural significance" to the properties they could attach that info to the request for permit.

**COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Kathie reported on receipts for March.
2. Kathie has been asked to be on a panel at the Office of Energy and Planning Conference in May.

**REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Dave, Judges' Gallery. Deferred, no progress.
2. Dave, answer to MSM inquiry. Kathie will resend original email request.
3. Kathie, order black/natural afghans//DONE. Will arrive April 2.
4. Scott, inspect Old Home Day tees//DONE. Two will be used for Feud item, the remainder will be donated to HHS

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Heritage Day

The appraiser Dave contacted is not available on May 25. He will see if perhaps he is available on the 18<sup>th</sup> instead.

Discussed prices (price for one item, discount for three), times (three hours, perhaps 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.), and where to hold the event (library). Jim will inquire about a document camera we might borrow so audience members can see smaller objects, documents, etc.

Neighborhood Heritage District

Mailing done today by Community Development to property owners in larger village area advising about forums on April 11 and 22. Press releases to be sent to Banner and Union Leader.

Veterans' Monument

Discussion regarding creation of a new memorial. Rather than try to list all "conflicts/wars/interventions/crises" since Vietnam (the last stone in the park), Kathie proposed a

“separate but equal” memorial area which would include *all* who served, in times of war and in peace. This would be in the grassy area east of the existing monuments.

She had spoken to a Blue Star mother who said veterans and families would appreciate that sentiment—served, war and peace.

Kathie distributed a sketch and a brochure showing a circular patio area with granite-like pavers, two benches and an engraved post/marker.

Jim moved to create a new memorial to honor all who served; Dave seconded. Unanimously approved.

Kathie will get further pricing. The area may cost about \$1,800 not including delivery and install materials--2 benches, paving kit plus extra pavers for bigger circle, and engraved marker.

In reviewing our already-set to-do list for spring, we will need to raise additional funds.

Kathie will reestablish contact with the new Legion commander to ascertain their plans.

Kathie will appear before the council in April for an update and to tell them about the new memorial. She will also clear this with L. Lessard.

Jim and Kathie had met with a supplier of engraved bricks/pavers but did not recommend them for the park. They will refer the program to the old town hall committee for possible use there.

Kathie met with a volunteer landscaper 3/18 who will do up plant list for us.

### *Fundraising*

June 13 confirmed for Town Family Feud at the library. Members were asked to think about donations for the silent auction and a sponsor once we have an idea of expenses. Kathie has not yet checked on the trophy.

### Old Town Hall Preservation

A couple members of the committee met with an official from the Division of Historical Resources on March 7. He agrees with the plan to go ahead with interior demolition of new materials and that the town should apply for an assessment grant from the NH Preservation Alliance.

The next meeting has yet to be scheduled.

### Historic Markers

Scott inspected the two markers that had been returned to the foundry for refurbishing. He thought the jobs were satisfactory.

### Demolition Review Regulation

Scott - review of lists from assessing, plan for use. No progress.

### State Register

Regarding Mt. St. Mary's listing—see 10/23/12 minutes. The condo board has approved seeking the listing so Dave plans to move forward on the application.

### Historic Sites

Kathie suggested that each member choose five sites at our next meeting and begin gathering information to meet our statutory duty outlined in RSA 674:44-b of “surveying and inventorying all cultural resources.”

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Dave, answer to MSM inquiry
2. Dave, Heritage Day, appraiser
3. Kathie, continued planning for unveiling
4. Feud—members, prizes; Kathie, trophy
5. All, Community Forums on 4/11 and 22
6. Kathie, estimates for memorial, update for council and DPW
7. Scott, review of lists from assessing, plan

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair  
March 31, 2013

Next meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 6:45 p.m., Library