

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
January 22, 2013
(No December 2012 meeting)

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan, Scott Riley. Absent: Dave Rogers
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library.
Jim moved acceptance of the 11/27/12 minutes; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Kathie reported on receipts for merchandise sales in December and part of January.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Kathie, ask library about additional reports online. Done, library checking further
2. Kathie, send check to Society for the Protection of NH Forests for Merrimack Riverfront project. Done.
3. Dave, Judges' Gallery. Deferred due to Dave's absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Heritage Day. Decided on Saturday, May 25. HHS will participate. Kathie will check with marms, and Jim will contact Robie's group to see if they will participate. Would like to set up Dave's appraisal event and perhaps do a walking tour.

OLD BUSINESS:

Afghans

One throw of each color was shipped by the vendor to sample the new weaving method on small reorders. Kathie gathered info from other towns. Some vendors require substantial "setup" fee, higher minimum orders, etc. Members decided not to reorder at this time.

Indian Murals

Grant money deposited to the town on 12/3/12.

Conservators will do the job on 1/24 and 1/25 at the municipal building.

Kathie and volunteer repainted the frames, replicating the existing color scheme. Motion for expenditure of \$50 by Jim, seconded by Scott, for paint, masking tape, brushes. Unanimously approved.

Kathie will continue to work on a permanent home, having the murals photographed, etc.

Neighborhood Heritage District

Meetings with focus groups (residents, property owners, business people, civic leaders, etc.) were held December 5, 12 and 18. J. Duffy will be calling a few of those people to serve on a preliminary steering committee.

Meeting on 1/23/13 to review comments and plan next step.

Veterans' Monument

Kathie and Jim met with Sewer Commission on 12/18/12. They are amenable to sprucing up their building. We'll work with Bruce K on options. Plastic slats on front side discussed. Sewer Dept will be inspecting present fence for condition assessment.

Historic Markers

Portsmouth & Concord RR and Martin's Corner School markers have been returned and reinstalled after the foundry fixed the peeling paint. Scott will take a look at them to see what work was done.

Old Town Hall Preservation

The first meeting of the newly formed group was held on 1/10/13. The consensus was to abide by the deed conditions so there's no need to pursue changes; to remove 2nd floor; and to use for community purposes. Asked that L. Lessard, CEO, and Fire Dept inspect the building.

Next meeting 2/4/13, 6 p.m., at the old town hall.

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."

Kathie will email Scott HHS historic sites map and HC listing.

Hopefully we can make some progress this year.

Demolition Review Regulation

Scott reviewed provisions of the demo regulation. Group continues to think any advance preparation we can do will be helpful. Kathie will forward assessing lists to Scott, i.e., built prior to 1800, 1801-1850, etc., for his review.

Other

Commission and individual goals will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Kathie brought up some things that need to be done:

1. Sell 2 prints from Head School
2. Sell small table stand
3. Sell student chairs
4. Portable PA system? Anyone want to research?
5. Tag/ribbon on medallion supply
6. Historic site of the month

Jim offered to do up the ornaments. Kathie will mail Scott pics of the chairs.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Dave, Judges' Gallery
2. Dave, appraisal event. Heritage Day?
3. Kathie/Jim, contact marms and Robie's about participation in Heritage Day
4. Scott, check historic markers
5. Kathie, email Scott HHS sites map and HC listing
6. Kathie, email assessing lists to Scott

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
February 9, 2013

Next meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2013 - 6:45 p.m., Library