

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING

March 11, 2013

(No February 26, 2013 meeting)

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library. Our February 26 meeting was rescheduled to today.

Jim moved acceptance of the 1/22/13 minutes; Scott seconded. Dave abstained. Among those voting, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. KN reported on receipts for January and February.
2. RSA 91-A. Members were forwarded a summary by the council and asked to read. Jim said there were no changes; it was meant to be a refresher. Dave had reviewed carefully, and we are in compliance.
3. Exemption for Robie's. Kathie distributed a news announcement from NH Preservation Alliance (NHPA) about the hearing on February 5. Jim attended the hearing and reported that the Senate Ways and Means Committee voted to support SB43, a bill that recognizes the important role of small, historically-significant retail properties in our communities. The bill's next stop in the legislative process is a vote of the full Senate.
4. Discussed a request Jim received from an individual inquiring about the water tower at MSM. Jim will forward it to our MSM expert--Dave. Dave will send his response to all members f/o/i.
5. Black and natural afghan. Kathie brought the black and natural afghan we ordered. Dave moved to order 20; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved. Kathie will place the order.
6. Kathie was given several t-shirts from past Old Home Days. Scott will check them to see if they are suitable as a prize for feud or perhaps a silent auction item.
7. Kathie spoke before House Finance Committee in support of LCHIP on March 7, 2013.
8. At the invitation of B. Chevrette, Kathie appeared at the February 26, 2013, Grange meeting to update them on HC projects.
9. Kathie attended Reading Your Old House seminar sponsored by the NH Division of Historical Resources on 2/16/13; excellent. She also went to a Mid Century Modern (1945-1975) program by the Preservation Alliance on 2/12/13 at the Concord Library; very interesting. Good to keep in mind for our own demo regulation responsibilities.
10. Kathie will attend the NHPA's Statewide Preservation Conference in Plymouth on 3/22 at her own expense.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Dave, Judges' Gallery. Deferred, no progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Members marked their calendars--Old Home Day, Saturday, September 21, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heritage Day

Dave has not reached the appraiser he initially tried to contact; he has contacted another. Hopefully we can firm this up and set a time at our next meeting. Confirmed as a group that profits from this event will benefit the Vet Park project.

Kathie/Jim were to contact marms and Robie's about participation in Heritage Day. They did, and both will participate.

Indian Murals

Conservation of murals is complete. Library declined to display them there.

Discussed date for unveiling. Decided on early evening, 6 p.m. April or early May date will depend on schedules of possible speakers. Kathie will contact and get an agreeable date.

Scott moved for \$30 to purchase fabric for unveiling; Dave seconded.

Kathie has started a list of invitees which was emailed to members 3/2/13. She has added State reps per suggestion of the Arts Council.

Murals were professionally photographed February 26, 2013, for reproduction in publications. Kathie will work on finding a repository for the image.

Neighborhood Heritage District

Meeting with consultants 1/23/13 at which names for members of the initial steering committee were discussed. Four residents were contacted and agreed to participate.

Planning meeting with committee members was held 3/1. Public hearings to be held April 11 and 22, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in council chambers. Meeting today with consultants discussed notice and content of public hearings. They are drafting poster and postcard for review and finalization at a meeting 3/18/13. In addition to other advertising, postcards will be sent directly to property owners within an expanded village area.

Old Town Hall Preservation

At the meeting 2/4 at old town hall, the group decided to start demoing walls on 2nd floor after the council has been advised of the plan at their 2/13 meeting.

There have also been meetings with the Field Service Rep from NHPA (2/25) and the National Register coordinator from NHDHR (3/7). The committee will apply for an assessment grant from NHPA for preservation architect/engineer.

Veterans' Monument

Blue Ribbon will come when the ground thaws to install post. Verified prices of signs; they will be done in the spring after the post is installed.

Heard from Village Precinct. They will waive their fees. We must purchase a tap from a private company, about \$500. DPW estimates irrigation materials at \$1,000; they will install. Plan will include expansion to monument area as well as oval.

Kathie secured volunteer services of landscaper to help with plant materials list. She will begin the plan once she can access the area.

Kathie contacted a Legionnaire to assist in getting in touch with the new commander for a status report.

Kathie distributed a list of work done, to be done, some estimates, etc., to be discussed at our next meeting.

Fundraising

Set another Town Family Feud for Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jim will confirm date with the library. Admission fee \$5 everyone 14 and older. Members will start gathering prizes and silent auction items. Jim said he'd get gift certificates for auction and for the winning team like he did last time. Suggestions: restaurants, car washes, gas certificates. We should try to get a variety.

Kathie will see if last year's trophy can be converted to include an add-on and make it an ongoing trophy with a cumulative list of winners.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Dave, answer to MSM inquiry
2. Kathie, order black/natural afghans
3. Scott, inspect Old Home Day tees
4. Heritage Day–Dave, appraiser
5. Kathie, continued planning for unveiling
6. Feud–Jim, confirm date; members, prizes; Kathie, trophy

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
March 15, 2013

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