

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 25, 2013



Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan, Scott Riley.  
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Arah W. Prescott Historical Library.  
Jim moved acceptance of the 5/30/13 minutes; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Kathie reported on receipts for May \$135 sales of merchandise
2. Discussed a table at Old Home Day, Saturday, 9/21. Probably will pass on a table this year.
3. Dave Rogers resigned from the commission June 3. He has served since November 2011.
4. Kathie showed members a copy of the first history-based comic book done by Memorial School Class 4B in June 2013. Subject matter: Burbank Ketchup Factory.
5. Our report for the Annual Report is due 7/26/13. Kathie will send a draft for review and approval at our next meeting.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Scott, student chairs. Scott has put out a couple of feelers with no responses. Kathie provided him an article about the new consignment store at the former Caruso location. Scott will make contact to see if the owner might help us sell the chairs, small table, and prints.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Neighborhood Heritage District

Gathering at Robie's 6/24. Kathie had emailed the consultant's Powerpoint presentation to members. At the meeting she distributed results of an architectural visual preference survey.

Veterans' Park

We've received lots of donated plants from a few individuals and 8 plants from the Garden Club at their plant sale.

Beds on church property, under telephone poles, and in the oval are done. A volunteer will help Kathie with the planting of flowers.

The planting plan from a volunteer was received. We will consider a couple of the ideas.

Kathie has purchased a Japanese red maple and some plants.

The circular patio is done. Granite pieces are on order.

Kathie is getting an estimate for refinishing the small plaques.

Kathie has asked for a couple donations from area nurseries. Home Depot has donated 3 plants.

Scott will check out the new Vet Center and advise them about the dedication. Maybe we advertise the event there.

Kathie made calls to get Legion member list and town veterans' exemption lists to compare for postcard invites. Scott will work on labels.

The Cawley band and chorus will participate in the dedication. There are about 85 in the band and 20 in chorus.

We chose Sunday, October 6, at 2 p.m. for the dedication. There are no conflicting events at church.

### *Fund-Raising*

Reviewed the 6/13 Town Family Feud. Everyone has heard great things from participants and guests. All agree that we learned from the first one and things were more organized than last time. Observations for the future:

Be careful about team members, all players must fit within eligibility, made a last-minute exception this time but shouldn't again; have updates on team standing/points more often—no suspense if we don't know the totals; show people where we're tracking strikes, make them more visible; remind teams about scoring before each question, i.e., points are doubled, etc.; consider Jim only knowing what the audience knows, he finds out when we find out; leave the judging to judges, they do reveal, decision, buzzing; we had less volunteers than last year; Scott has some ideas about improving game program.

Scott has said he cannot take over the appraisal day event left by Dave when he resigned. Jim will email NH Antique Dealers and other groups to see if he can find an appraiser. Kathie will contact a couple area groups who have had an appraisal event recently to get some information.

Other than that, the fund-raising for the Veterans' Park project is concluded.

### Indian Murals

Kathie working on the final report required for the grant.

She is also still trying to get digital files from the professional photographer who took them in February. As a backup she is trying to track down a recent graduate of NHIA from Hooksett if they need to be photographed again.

The murals are being proposed as the cover of this year's annual report so we need appropriate photos. Kathie will submit narrative for inside cover.

### Demolition Review

Scott, no progress on lists from assessing and how we could use them in our preparation.

Discussed a little in general the question of "is it the building or the story" that's important. May start again bringing in photos for discussion.

On 6/19 we received a demo permit for the building at 4 Cushing Ave. We have found it does not have architectural or historical significance and demo can proceed. Notified building department 6/24/13.

### Old Town Hall

Jim is the new chair of the committee. Suggested that members wishing to track progress should sign up for minutes on the town website.

Hooksett History Book Update

Jim continues to work on possible topics.

Historic Sites

Kathie will not be asking each member to choose 5 sites for research as mentioned in earlier minutes. See 1/22/13 minutes about survey.

Other

Jim advised that as President of Historical Society he received an inquiry from a group in Keene asking about the history of Burbank's Ketchup Factory, the possibility of making the condiments again, and inquiring about a recipe, etc. Jim put the person in contact with Mrs. Robie.

Jim has noticed that the sign dedicating the former town garage (now courthouse) to George Cook, a former Highway Department manager, is no longer on the building. He will make some inquiries about its whereabouts.

Jim has almost completed putting the tags/ribbons on medallion supply.

In April Kathie discontinued the historic site of the month display for a time.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Scott, contact vet center
2. Scott, contact re student chairs, little table, and prints
3. Jim, Kathie, inquiries about appraisal event
4. Kathie, Indian mural final report for State; get digital copies of photos, prepare narrative for inside cover of town report
5. Kathie, commission report for town Annual Report

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair  
June 26, 2013

Next regular meeting Tuesday, July 23, 2013 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library