

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
August 27, 2013



Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan, Scott Riley (arrived 7:20 p.m.)
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library.
Jim moved acceptance of the 7/23/13 minutes; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Kathie reported on receipts for August - no sales.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, commission report for town Annual Report. Done.
2. Scott, info on Vet Center. No need; Kathie made contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NH History Week, 3rd week in October. Our contribution will be the dedication of the Park.
Kathie will advise other participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans' Park

The large raised bed around Jacob Square sign has been flattened and grassed.

A local welder reattached one of the bolts that holds the plaque to the Jacob Square post; it had long since come unattached. He donated his services. Another volunteer has stripped and repainted the Jacob Square sign post.

A volunteer will try to clean small bronze signs on the urns. They are very discolored and unreadable at this point. He will also reattach the small plaque to the flagpole (donated by McNamara family); we had it redone because of the poor condition of the old one.

The granite pieces were delivered and set up 8/9/13 so the new memorial is done pending planting behind it.

On 8/14/13 the tapping of the water main was done by an outside vendor, DPW and Village Water Precinct employees.

The five smaller bronze plaques were refinished on 8/21/13. They look great.

Got the plan today from the volunteer landscaper who will be doing the planting in the oval. His plan was approved by DPW. The work will start soon.

Signs—main park and directional sign for Merrimack Street—were ordered 8/26/13. The funds had been obligated since October 23, 2012, when the vote on the signs was taken.

Dedication ceremony

The Lions Club has agreed to help supervise parking. Thank you to them. They will coordinate with a church trustee. There will be a handicapped area. Lions will let us know if we should apply for block party permit, if we want to close off part of street or need cones, etc.

Kathie contacted Fr. Crowley and got his approval for overflow parking at the Holy Rosary. Guests also could park at the old town hall or Legion.

Church will let us borrow their folding chairs, around 50. Kathie will contact the town to see if we could borrow some of its chairs also. We may look for help setting up the chairs.

We'll be setting up our refreshments outside. The Legion Auxiliary will man the table. A volunteer offered to do baking for refreshments. Kathie requested a donation from Market Basket for drinks, paper products, etc.; approved for \$50. For drinks, will serve tonic and water. Jim may also donate brownies if needed.

Kathie has contacted a local photographer--Dave Webster--who will take photos for us and donate his services.

After some investigative work, Kathie has made contact with a member of the Mourtgis family (sister of first Hooksett serviceman to die in Vietnam). A letter to the editor about other families yielded no results.

Jim made a motion for \$25 for materials for dedication; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussed a special postcard mailing. Decided to go with usual advertising channels.

Kathie contacted a local AV company about PA equipment. MFI Productions agreed to donate the use of speakers, mikes, etc., appropriate to the location.

Jim has not gotten any information about a large tent as discussed at our last meeting. He will now.

Kathie met with the volunteer bagpiper; all set. The Civil War reenactor has also been confirmed.

Reviewed the draft program.

Fundraising

We did not participate in the 8/10/13 yard sale at Knights of Columbus; Scott mixed up the date. He will follow up with them to see if they are setting another one this fall.

Jim has not made contacts regarding appraisal day. He will.

Regarding selling our chairs and table at a consignment store, we'll defer to see if we may participate in an upcoming yard sale.

Assignments

1. Continue planning dedication and landscaping at park.
Jim - info about large tent; Kathie chairs from town
2. Jim - appraisal day follow
3. Scott - yard sale/consignment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
August 29, 2013

Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library