

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING

July 22, 2014

(There was no June 2014 meeting)

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Scott Riley. Excused: Jim Sullivan (Sch Bd meeting)

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

Scott moved acceptance of the 5/27/14 minutes; Kathie seconded. Approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Election of chair for 2014-2015. Scott nominated Kathie; she accepted nomination. Unanimously elected.
2. Kathie reported on receipts at various outlets.
3. Scott moved to approve expenses February through June 30 - \$292.74. Unanimously approved.
4. Scott moved to approve annual report for Heritage Commission. Unanimously approved.
5. Kathie submitted Veterans' Park as cover for the town's annual report. Supplied draft for inside cover and pictures for front and back covers.
6. As budget was approved for 2014-15, we will receive our full request—\$1000 general expenses, \$2500 historic marker account.
7. Scott moved to approve transfer of proceeds of Feud from HC account to Trust fund in the amount of \$1168 plus a separate donation check in the amount of \$100. Kathie seconded; unanimously approved.
8. Used copies of *Images Around—Hooksett* for resale. Scott moved to spend \$67.96 to purchase seven used books; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved. There was only the one printing in 1997. The books have been placed at Robie's. Contacted printer about publication date; they said it had never been reprinted because the "file is corrupted." Offered our assistance in replicating any corrupted files.
9. Kathie reconciled accounts with Finance.
10. Kathie contacted arborist to see if he would check out the trees around Head School and along the south driveway. He will do so and get back to her.
11. Historic Sites Inventory
Kathie reminds 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."

Hopefully we can make some progress this year.

Review Assignments:

See individual topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

History Books

We only have about 100 of Hooksett Historical Sketches left in inventory. We ordered 500 in 2004. Kathie has inquired with the printer about the process (do they have the scan from last time or must it be rescanned), a cost estimate, etc. She will hopefully be able to present info at our next meeting.

Kathie proposed printing the 1885 Hooksett section of *History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties* written by Samuel Head 2nd. The book is available at the library, but it is quite large and non-circulating. Printing it as a stand-alone book would make it more accessible. The book has a lot of names and places, details that are great for research. It's all scanned and proofed, must make changes, proof again, and do setup

We might also consider including other local histories, e.g., Leon Boisvert's FD book.

Members agreed we should pursue. Kathie will coordinate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merchandise

Cat's Meow replica of town hall has arrived. Mt. St. Mary's should be ready to order this week.

Family Feud

Very successful event on 6/12/14. About 100 people attended again. We raised about \$1300 for the Town Hall Preservation Project. Majority of the funds came from the silent auction; we realized 81% of face value of donations. Got started late but this year tried pre-event bidding. Had a couple new teams and some repeats. Winner was Hooksett Republican Committee–The Gipper's Red Raiders.

History Week/Month

Kathie contacted a History Week speaker. Confirmed Martins Cemetery program for Sat, 10/18, 2 p.m. Vinnie Toland, Civil War historian and reenactor, will first talk about life as a soldier then go to specific grave sites and tell stories of individual Hooksett veterans.

Marms will be doing Haunts again on 10/17. Library and HHS program on 10/23.

Congratulations to the Hooksett Lions Club. They will be doing a 50th anniversary event.

Historic Markers

Kathie plans to work on markers this year. In order:

Started research on Hooksett Airport in 2009. Pilots are aging; no other markers in the area.

Did Head School in 2010 to coordinate with dedication.

Took Odd Fellows/Rebekahs out of order in 2011 because Rebekahs closed in 2010 so tried to coordinate with their closing.

Lincoln Park - council assigned in October 2011. Finally funded this fiscal year.

Martin's Ferry - came through Planning as a condition for SNHU project in Aug 2013

Members agreed to take in order. Kathie has emailed the company to get an update on pricing, time line from order to production, etc.

OTHER

Scott may know someone interested in serving on the commission. He will have the person get an application from the town website.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie, arborist
2. Kathie, info on printing *Sketches*
3. Kathie, begin work on markers

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
July 22, 2014

Next regular meeting Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library