

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)  
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 2, 2015

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan. Absent: Scott Riley

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. in the admin conference room. This meeting was set to make up our usual February meeting at which a quorum was not present.

Jim moved acceptance of the 12/17/14 minutes; Kathie seconded. Approved.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Kathie reported on receipts for December and January.
2. Kathie presented expenses in the amount of \$165.64. Jim moved to approve, Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. Demo of properties at 1385 Hooksett Road, et al. Known as Park Place Motel and included properties. Demo began in December 2014. No review sought from HC because the septic for the area was in failure.
4. Kathie switched photo displays at the library and clerk's office. Clerk got the photos previously at the library and the library got those that were in the town administrator's office. These displays were originally done in 2008 and 2009. Two additional frames were needed. Jim made a motion to purchase 2 frames for \$36; seconded by Kathie. Unanimously approved.
5. Schoolmarms are putting on an OLLI (Osler Lifelong Learning Institute) program May 11 and 18. Invited Kathie to do a portion of the first program on the rehabilitation of the school.
6. Our budget request of \$3,500 (\$1,000 expenses; \$2,500 historic marker account) for 2015-16 was included in the Admin budget and recommended.
7. Kathie retrieved the video of MSM marker unveiling; perhaps we could get it added to our page on the town website.
8. Kathie had solicited input from members in a 1/25/15 email re selling our mdse on Ebay or Amazon. She will proceed with trying to find someone experienced in online selling who might help us out.

**Review Assignments:**

1. Kathie, send approved demo permit application for Coaker Ave to CEO///DONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lilac Bridge**

Kathie spoke as an individual at the 12/10/14 council meeting on the future of the bridge.

Council voted to proceed with demolition of superstructure and construction of a pedestrian bridge (which will also carry the sewer line) on the existing abutments. Money (\$3.3 million) will come from emergency funds, State bridge money, Sewer Dept, and impact fees.

Engineer is now working on an Alternatives Analysis, compiling the history, photos, plans and documentation. Kathie has furnished photos. Next State meeting is in March.

Kathie will wait for documentation before doing the Cat's Meow piece.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Merchandise

Kathie suggested we replenish our supply of old town hall Cat's Meows. Only 10 left, sold 4 in January, 2 in December. Heritage Day is coming up in May, and we will be having an open house so should have a good supply on hand. Motion by Jim to order 24 pieces at up to \$230, seconded by Kathie. Unanimously approved. Kathie will order. (Done 3/4/15)

Kathie suggested we replenish our supply of town afghans—only 7 left in supply. Jim moved to purchase 20 black/natural afghans, up to \$425 including shipping. Seconded by Kathie; unanimously approved. Kathie will order. (Done 3/4/15)

#### Historic Markers

Kathie is working on research for the Lincoln Park marker. As it will be off a main road, perhaps could do small sign (Hooksett Historic Marker—Coaker Ave.) on Route 3 at the bottom of Alice Ave; the State has similar signs for their markers (Historic Marker Ahead). Pending completion of research, Jim moved to obligate \$2040 to purchase the marker. Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Kathie is trying to find an alternative location for the airport marker. This marker has been researched and the text approved by commission members last year. Pending finalization of location, Jim moved to obligate \$2040 to purchase the marker; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

We have the opportunity to co-sponsor with the Library a NH Humanities program in September—Maggie Stier presents: "On This Spot Once Stood . . . Remembering the Architectural Heritage of New Hampshire." It's described as: NH has lost many of its important historic buildings to fire, neglect, intentional demolition and re-development. In some cases, a plaque or marker provides a physical reminder." We thought it would be a good tie-in to our own marker program and perhaps an October unveiling of a new marker. Jim moved to expend \$50 for the program application; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **OTHER**

We next discussed the attendance provisions in our Rules of Procedure—notifying chair, unexcused/excused, responsibilities under the rules, etc. Copies had been sent to members for review. Jim will contact the member to determine his "ability to continue to contribute to the work of the commission" per our rules of procedure.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Kathie, help with online sales
2. Kathie, order Cat's Meow town hall pieces and afghans.
3. Kathie, finish Lincoln Park research and order marker
4. Kathie, continue looking for alternate Airport marker location
5. Kathie, confirm co-sponsorship of Humanities program in September
6. Jim, contact with absent member

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair  
March 4, 2015

Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library