

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
August 25, 2015
(There was no July meeting)

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan.
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library.
Jim moved acceptance of the 6/23/15 minutes as amended; Kathie seconded. Approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Kathie added Pinnacle/river/bridge, old town hall, Head's MSM, and Prescott to Division of Historical Resources' My New Hampshire, an interactive online map of special places. <http://nhdhr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=539d068631644a47aea42fb61b718237>.
2. Participated in Open House at Robie's on 7/25. Kathie prepared "Historic Merrimack Street" photo display and handout for Conservation Commission who also was at the open house. Receipts: \$40. Participated in 8/22 open house—\$81 in sales. Debuted new "Hooksett geographic" t-shirts.
3. Authorize \$50 for 1-year membership in Preservation Alliance. Jim moved to expend \$50 for membership in Preservation Alliance; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Eagle Scout project. Reviewed final brochure submitted by Eagle Scout candidate. Kathie will seek guidance regarding content of narratives.
5. Head Cemetery mausoleum sign. Kathie noted in Cemetery Commission minutes of 6/22/15 a discussion regarding the sign at Head's. "It was agreed that we would like the entire sign at Heads Cemetery redone including the filigree swirls. Denise will follow up with Frank's Signs." She asked on behalf of the HC what "redone" meant. She was advised that it means "refurbished - keeping what's there but getting it painted (finally). Professionally."
6. Coming up Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m., program co-sponsored with the Library: "On This Spot Once Stood... Remembering the Architectural Heritage of NH." Humanities Council program. Kathie has prepared a handout about Hooksett's historic marker program
7. Discussed briefly the Demolition Review Committee composition until we get new members. Regulation says "comprised of three (3) members of the commission."
8. Kathie has started conversion of oral history VHS tapes to DVDs. Must be reindexed, the case prepared, the DVD burned, etc.
9. We were asked by the Planning Board through a surveyor if there was any historic significance to the old barn/slaughterhouse foundation on the Greenough property (corner of Main and College Park Drive) in preparation for a proposed subdivision. Kathie visited the site and took photos. She also called four people (L. Belisle, R. Hebert, G. Connor, W. Shackford) who grew up in the neighborhood and may have remembered hearing about the slaughterhouse. Not much information except that Bill Greenough's father (who died in 1956 at age 84) used to slaughter and dress mostly large animals (cows, pigs). There are a lot of metal pieces in the foundation ruins, unknown if they could have been from slaughter operations. Kathie told Community

Development that we may want to rescue those pieces if they are to be buried. Photos and info will be attached to the barn survey done in 2008. Reported no significance to Planning Board.

Review Assignments:

1. See Head School.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Lilac Bride

Council recently approved a contract with an engineering company to put together a package to allow the town to bid out the removal of the present bridge and design of the new pedestrian-utility bridge. Bidding process will take place early next year.

Merchandise

Hooksett “geographic” t-shirts. Prices went up to \$1 on med to XL and \$2 for XXL. Confirming prior email vote, Jim moved to expend \$175 for this order; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved. The Clerk’s Office has agreed to sell these shirts for us.

Discussed whether we should go ahead with the Cat’s Meow piece of the Lilac Bridge (will be the last of our 4-piece commitment) because of the current timetable. If we want the piece for Christmas we’d need to get it ordered fairly soon. Kathie will begin drafting.

Historic Markers

Kathie continues planning for airport marker on 10/4/15.

Head School

The schoolmarms of the Head School Society complained that front doors at Head’s are difficult to close. Kathie and a volunteer checked them out; will fix.

The schoolmarms submitted and were approved for another OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program. “Haunting Stories and Hooksett Spirits Come Alive at the Head School” will be held at the school/cemetery on Monday, 9/28.

Kathie, DPW re paint at Head’s. No progress.

Old Home Day

Kathie will cover the joint table with a rep from the Town Hall Preservation Committee.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Kathie, airport marker planning
2. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes
3. Kathie, draft Cat's Meow for bridge
4. Kathie, Old Home Day table coverage

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
August 30, 2015

Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2015 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library