

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING

October 27, 2015

(No September meeting; table at Old Home Day)

Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan.

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. at Cawley School. Change of site and time had been posted 10/26/15. Jim moved to approve minutes of 8/25/15 and 10/5/15; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Eagle Scout project. Kathie had discussed project with Scoutmaster. Prepared disclaimer which will be affixed to hard copies and added to website. Scoutmaster agreed with language and will be in touch with the scout. Today received a check from the scout representing excess proceeds from his fund-raiser. According to their protocol those funds are given to the beneficiary (the HC). Kathie will ask that council accept the funds. Because of the scout's interest in historic sites, we will apply it to the historic roadside marker account with his consent.
2. Thursday, September 10, p.m., program co-sponsored with the Library: "On This Spot Once Stood . . . Remembering the Architectural Heritage of NH." Humanities Council program well attended and reviewed. Kathie spoke for a few minutes on the Hooksett program.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes. Waiting for input from videographer.
2. Kathie, draft Cat's Meow for bridge. No progress.

NEW BUSINESS deferred.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merchandise

Nearly sold out of Hooksett t-shirts after Old Home Day, August Open House at Robie's, and Clerk's Office. Jim moved to reorder supply for holiday season and to honor mail and other pre-orders up to \$400. Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

We continue to sell merchandise at Robie's Open Houses.

Old Home Day

Very busy Old Home Day at joint table with Town Hall Preservation Committee. Good merchandise sales-\$152.

Historic Markers

For NH History Week we held a very successful dedication ceremony for Hooksett Airport marker at Tri-Town Ice Arena on 10/4/15. About 50 people attended. Civil Air Patrol representative brought memorabilia items for display and donated a few pieces to the Historical Society (HHS). Carl Park Jr. has consented to donation of scanned airport photos to the HHS also.

Program attached. Photo display will be put in council chambers, then Library, and HHS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monuments at Veterans' Park

At council meeting 10/14/15, HC was asked to make recommendations and suggestions regarding two new proposed monuments for Veterans' Park. Meeting was scheduled with Dr, Shankle 10/26/15 to discuss the scope of our charge, but he was ill so it was not held. Discussed the need for some criteria regarding the procedure--design, size, etc.--prior to considering the new requests. Reviewed some questions and issues. Will discuss those with Dean at our rescheduled meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes. Waiting for input from videographer.
2. Kathie, draft Cat's Meow for bridge. No progress.
3. All, meeting regarding monuments

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
November 1, 2015

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

Hooksett Heritage Commission
UNVEILING OF HISTORIC MARKER
HOOKSETT AIRPORT - OCTOBER 4, 2015

PROGRAM

Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance
Boy Scout Troop 292

Welcome and a Little History
Kathie Northrup, Chair, Hooksett Heritage Commission

Remarks
Wendell Berthelsen, Director of Operations, Aviation Museum of NH
Rita Castonguay Hunt, Aviation Planner, NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics
Paul Kelly, Lt. Col., Wing Logistics, NH Civil Air Patrol

A Son's Remembrances
Carl S. Park, Jr.

On Behalf of the Town
Dean E. Shankle Jr., Ph.D., Town Administrator

Unveiling
Carl S. Park, Jr.
James A. Levesque, Town Council, District 3

Closing Remarks



Please enjoy some refreshments after the dedication, and take a few minutes to look at the photo exhibits and memorabilia. Our thanks to Harold Murray and Carl S. Park, Jr. for sharing family photos and to the Civil Air Patrol and Hooksett Historical Society for loaning us some objects for display.

HOOKSETT HISTORIC MARKERS

The Historic Marker Program, an official program of the Town of Hooksett, is administered by the Hooksett Heritage Commission. The roadside signs tell the stories of people and places important to our town's history. Purchase of the markers is funded by the Town and by private donations. For information, please contact the Chair of the Hooksett Heritage Commission.



Hooksett-Manchester Airport, circa late 1960s/early 1970s

HOOKSETT AIRPORT

Built in 1944 by Carl S. Park Sr., the Hooksett-Manchester Airport, commonly known as Hooksett Airport, had a grass runway, a six-plane hangar, and a seaplane base on the Merrimack River.

Operating as Bayside Flying Service, Park was busy with student instruction, plane rental, charter flights, and maintenance services.

Many WW II veterans received pilot training under the G.I. Bill. Flight operations of the Hooksett Civil Air Patrol Squadron were based here.

Park began leasing the facilities to others in 1958. He sold the airport property to a developer in 1973.

Erected in 2015 by the Town of Hooksett



Carl S. Park Sr.
Concord Airport 1942



Bayside Flying Service, late 1940s