

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT



MINUTES OF MEETING
September 27, 2016

Members present: Kathie Northrup; John Giotas, new additional council representative.
Excused: Jim Sullivan. Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. at the library.
Approval of minutes of 7/13/16 and 8/10/16 deferred pending Jim's attendance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. At their 7/13/16 meeting, Council adopted proposed cover theme for the 2015/16 town report –Remembering Hooksett's Agricultural Heritage. Photos were from our collection or donated for use. Kathie included excerpts from oral history interviews talking about growing up on a farm.
2. Planning Board meeting to review the Historical Resources section of the Master Plan on 7/25/16 was cancelled. It has not been rescheduled.
3. See minutes 4/28/15. Kathie has suggested to Admin that the Preserve America logo and info about Hooksett being the first community in NH should be on the website. Requested again as new site is being developed.
4. Kathie was contacted by a Hooksett Girl Scout who is working on her Gold Award (comparable to Eagle Scout). She wishes to do a project incorporating some aspect of Hooksett history. Kathie suggested self-guided walking tour or cemetery tour. After considering, scout chose cemetery tour of Head's. Kathie contacted Mike Horne, Cemetery Commissioner, to assist. Met to discuss plans on 8/17/16. She will present proposal to the commission.
5. Council approved our budget request of \$6,000—\$5000 for general commission work and printing of history book; \$1,000 for historic marker account
6. Kathie reported on receipts June-September at outlets, mail orders, and Old Home Day.
7. Approved expenses—\$428.05 thru September.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, bring annual reports to NH Historical Society//done, still a few missing, will keep an eye out
2. Kathie, order barn posters and geographic T-shirts.//t-shirts done
3. Kathie, work on reprint of Hardy book//no progress

NEW BUSINESS:

History Weeks

Since our last meeting, plans were made for History Weeks. The Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, Head School Society, Robie's Country Store Historic Preservation Corp., Roots at Robie's, and the Hooksett Library have joined together to present programs. We have a nice diverse group of events.

Conservation Commission was invited to participate this year as they have two great events planned for the time period. Per requests from Steve Couture, Chair of Conservation Commission, the HC will participate in:

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Merrimack Riverfront Trail on September 28 from 4-5:30 p.m. Steve asked if Kathie could be there on the trail head to pass out handouts about brickyard, etc. She had prepared those handouts for the ConsComm for some other event.

- They're planning a joint trail walk with Bear Paw at the Pinnacle on Saturday, October 29 from 9-10:30 a.m. Kathie prepared historical information narrative and photos for the new kiosk. She was also asked to offer historical information at the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Home Day

We shared a table with the Town Hall Preservation Committee. Not as busy as previous years. Sold \$87 in merchandise.

Lilac Bridge

Newest section of the bridge will be sold to the only bidder.

Monuments at Veterans' Park

Matter was considered by Council at its 7/13/16 meeting. They declined to request consolidation (Blue Star, families, etc.) of the Gold Star Mother stone. It will be placed where suggested by the HC on the master plan. No action was taken on future recommendations.

Followed up with Legion. A mock-up will be ready by mid September. They hope to have the stone installed by October for November dedication. The monument company will be doing the install, coordinating with Parks & Rec.

Pinnacle Park

See New Business, dedication, trail walk, and History Weeks plans.

Historic Markers

SNHU agreed to do a "site of" plaque for the Allen Farm in addition to an historic roadside marker for all other Martin's Ferry information.

May do the plaque this year, but it's too late to get marker for this year (production time 8-12 weeks) so we'll do in the spring.

The Conservation Commission had asked about an historic marker for the Merrimack Riverfront area. As it was too late to get it done this year for their ribbon cutting, Kathie suggested another event in the spring; we could have the marker ready for that. Merrimack St/brickyards are areas of great historical significance. ConsComm will pay for the marker.

Head School

The Facebook page that Kathie is administering for the Society/School seems well received. Always a good opportunity to slip in a little history of not just the school but preservation and Hooksett history in general.

Merchandise

Kathie had ordered some toddlers' and children's sizes of Hooksett t-shirts for Old Home Day. They all sold. Talked about ordering more now for Christmas. John moved to expend \$125 for children's t-shirts; approved.

OTHER:

None

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Kathie, represent HC at various History Weeks events
2. All, open house at Head School 10/15/16
3. Kathie, order toddler t's

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
October 21, 2016

**No October meeting
Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library**