

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 26, 2016



Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the library.

Jim moved to approve minutes of 03/22/16; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Dan Bouchard, the Executive Director of the Hooksett Chamber, contacted Kathie about getting some historic information for their monthly newsletter. He suggested “on this day in Hooksett history.” As no research has been done on events by date, Kathie offered “site of the month” so we could use sites researched a few years ago. Sent the first one, photo and narrative-- Manchester Road School.
2. HC membership in NH Preservation Alliance will expire soon. Jim moved to renew membership, \$50. Unanimously approved. Kathie will send in fee.
3. Commission has been offered the donation of a circa 1900 parlor stove for eventual use at the old town hall. Council will consider donation at their 4/27/16 meeting.

Review Assignments:

1. Kathie, register for Old Home Day//done 4/10/16
2. Kathie, draft for bridge Cat’s Meow///no progress
3. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes at convenience of videographer//no progress
4. Kathie, order supply of posters///done. Picked up supply.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hooksett Heritage Day

Saturday, May 21. Kathie, prepare Heritage Day proclamation and bring before council//done, signed 4/13/16. Publicity done. We made sell merchandise at the old town hall if we have coverage for the table.

Lilac Bridge

Attended the bid opening on 4/5/16 in response to the “for sale” advertisement. One bid for the newest span was received. It will be reviewed by engineers and DOT/DHR.

As “Consulting Party” to the Memo of Agreement signed by the town, HC offered comments on final design details plans submitted by the engineering firm. Commented on rail design, 9' inside height, heft of members, whether or not there would be any decorative element on the portal. Overall design is true to previous comments and suggestions. Kathie was advised that there were not funds for renderings from the engineers so didn’t ask again.

Asked about some kind of decorative element on the portals. Engineer said there wasn't any planned but that this could be developed and included in the Public Outreach/Education Plan.

Head School

Schoolmarns have readied school for May third-grade classes.

Kathie will be participating in a repeat of the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) class "Live and Learn: Become an 1840s Scholar" on May 16 (library on the preservation) and 23 (Head's living history class).

We have a volunteer to touch up exterior and interior paints this spring. Will ask him to keep receipts for reimbursement.

Monuments at Veterans' Park

Kathie met on 4/6/16 with Congregational Church trustees. Confirmed the boundaries and 2013 decision about church property (plants only) unless we pursue further.

Representative of the Battle of the Bulge group notified Jim on 4/12/16 that they are withdrawing their request for a Bulge monument at Veterans' Park. It will be placed at the Holy Rosary Cemetery.

Kathie contacted Frank Silva, the Legion rep, last week. Last fall she had inquired if they might be willing to consolidate Families (GS and Blue Star Mothers and families and POW/MIA families) along with Gold Star Mothers on their monument to consolidate all family groups and limit the potential number of "family" monuments. She got the idea for consolidating at the NH Veterans' Cemetery; they have a similar stone listing all the groups. Silva said they don't think they can because they collected specifically for Gold Star Mothers of Hooksett.

Spent considerable time discussing possible guidelines, going over background research on Veterans' and Nadeau Square, reviewing information from the State about ownership of the park at Main Street/3A. Reviewed surveys of Veterans' and Nadeau.

Kathie will draft our recommendation and supporting information.

OTHER:

None

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Kathie, fee to NHPA
2. All, Heritage Day at old town hall, 5/21
3. Kathie, presentation for OLLI
4. Kathie, draft Veterans' Park recommendation and supporting material
5. Kathie, draft for bridge Cat's Meow///no progress
6. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes at convenience of videographer//no progress

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
April 28, 2016