

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT

MINUTES OF MEETING
March 22, 2016



Members present: Kathie Northrup, Jim Sullivan. Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the library.

Jim moved to approve minutes of 02/22/16 and 02/23/16; Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Email invite to Old Home Day received. Saturday, September 17, 2106. Decided we should have a booth again with Town Hall Preservation Committee and hopefully adjacent to the Town Council space. Voted to take advantage of the clip-out coupon, new this year in the program, offering a discount on merchandise to draw visitors to the booth. Kathie will register.

Review Assignments:

1. Jim, test oral history DVD. Done. Kathie now ready to resume conversion with volunteer videographer at his convenience.
2. Kathie, draft Cat's Meow for bridge//no progress

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hooksett Heritage Day

Saturday, May 21. Robie's will be doing a food special. The Preservation group will sponsor a program on the Lilac Bridge—new and old—by Jim Donison, Town Engineer, at 2 p.m. at the store. Have not heard from other possible participants yet.

Kathie will cover open house at old town hall with Town Hall Preservation Committee member. We still have the photo displays from last year. With most of the downstairs partitions gone and possibly the ceiling completed, we'll have a lot to show visitors.

Kathie has contacted the National Trust for Historic Preservation to see if they are promoting a theme this year. She has requested time at the 4/13/16 council meeting to present the proclamation for signature.

Lilac Bridge

On 2/23/16 Kathie and B. Baer of the HHS did a mock-up on the chain link fence at the south end of the bridge to verify perspectives offered by alternatives—through or pony truss.

Kathie presented recommendations by HC at council meeting on 2/24/16. HC is a consulting party under the Memo of Agreement.

Kathie attended meeting with DOT/DHR in Concord on 3/10/16 with other town officials and consulting parties. Engineers conveyed the recommendations of council for a replacement pedestrian bridge. State has 30 days to comment. Kathie again requested renderings of the design, showing it in our location. She also requested and updated chron of due dates, etc.

Documents offering the bridge for sale have been issued; bids due by 4/5/16. We will retain certain pieces for display near the bridge and a small piece for the Historical Society.

Pinnacle Park

Kathie attended Conservation Commission meeting 3/14/16. Once it is determined how much impact funds are available and how they may be spent, we will work on options.

Merchandise

Tom Walsh, former operator at Robie's, has filed for bankruptcy. Town will be filing a Proof of Claim for the money owed to the HC for sales of merchandise at Robie's and pursuing other avenues regarding this situation.

Kathie has prepared some 1892 maps and placed them at Robie's and the Clerk's Office.

We are low on barn and stone wall posters. Jim moved to spend \$150 to replenish supply; Kathie seconded. Kathie will order.

Monuments at Veterans' Park

Not much progress on this. We are waiting for plans for both parks.

On 3/20/16, Kathie spoke with a new trustee from church. He says we could bring up again whether or not monuments would be considered "permanent" and therefore allowable on church property. In a letter from W. Gehris, trustee at the time, the Board had given us permission to put only plants on their property.

OTHER:

None

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Kathie, register for Old Home Day
2. Kathie, draft for bridge Cat's Meow
3. Kathie, continue conversion of oral history tapes at convenience of videographer
4. Kathie, prepare Heritage Day proclamation and bring before council
5. Kathie, order supply of posters
6. All, work on park guidelines

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
March 23, 2016

Next regular meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2016 - 6:45 p.m., at the Library