

**Stratham Heritage Commission  
Minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2012**

**The meeting convened at 7:30 PM**

**Present: David Canada, MJ Werner, Rebecca Mitchell, Nancy Hansen, Florence Wiggin**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET PLANNING:** Rebecca submitted receipts for supplies that she purchased for the commission's Stratham Fair display as well as for the purchasing the Wiggin Memorial Library NH Register plaque and framing the certificate. In light of money remaining in our administrative expenses budget, the commission voted unanimously to purchase a banner similar to that used for by the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Committee. Flossie will find out where their banner was made. The HC banner can be used at the fair and on any occasion when we set up a display or information table.

In a preliminary discussion of the 2013 budget the consensus of members present was to ask for \$400 for 4619.100 Administrative Expenses; \$700 for 4619.200 Veterans; and \$150 for 4619.226 Training and Conferences. The budget request for Survey will be determined at the December meeting with Rebecca delegated to explore the costs of getting the database template running and accessible to volunteers. She will also explore the possibility of using UNH history graduate student interns for the survey and the potential expenses involved.

**VETERANS' GARDEN:** Rebecca reported that after some difficulty she is reasonably confident that Rockingham Electric will be successful in ordering two replacement lenses for the well lights. One is needed now, leaving one spare. The total cost is expected to be \$84.46 with delivery in early December.

**300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Florence reported on the Navy Pops Band Concert, a successful event to raise public awareness of the town anniversary. She has interviewed veterans' and with other volunteers will be working on supplying answers to questions for the town history.

**PLANNING BOARD:** There will be public hearings re the proposed rezoning of the lot at 5 Emery's Lane. The chair will let members know the dates of hearings as soon as that information is available. In a discussion of how best to make known the commission's position, David Canada suggested that in similar past situations mass mailing of a letter paid for and sent from town citizens has been an effective tool.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Heritage Preservation Fund:** The commission voted (4 in favor and one abstention) to submit to the Select Board a proposed warrant article to fund the Heritage Preservation Fund with \$50,000. The wording used will mirror that of the 2011 warrant article.

**Lane books:** Rebecca reported that the NH Historical Society has reduced the price of hardback copies of The Years of the Life of Samuel Lane to \$10. The commission voted to authorize the purchase of up to 20 copies to be paid for from the revolving fund. Income from the sale of the books will return to the fund.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DEC. 12 AT 7 PM**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM**

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca Mitchell