

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes, Thursday, February 23, 2012, James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Dick Ekwall, Scott Moody, Wayne Fortier

Public attendance: Robert Fillion

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the minutes for January meeting made by Wayne Fortier. Seconded by Dick Ekwall. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasury report: The current balance in the checking account is \$2,918.67

Granite Memory Block Report from Jim Hobbs: There are several people interested in buying a memory block which will help us meet our goal.

Caboose Report from Dick Ekwall:

All of the exterior work on the caboose is completed.

There is a need to investigate putting baffles on the ladder to the roof in order to stop people from climbing on it.

Examining different ways to put the RR logo onto the caboose—Neither paint it on or adhere a vinyl decal.

Hazen report from Jim Hobbs

Old bricks need to be removed from the granite slabs forming the root cellar. However, before excavating the granite stones must be supported as some have cracks in them that could give way.

Jim is obtaining Butternut saplings to plant at the Hazen park and will be used as fundraiser.

There are several people looking to volunteer help with the ongoing work at Hazen park.

Jim Hobbs is investigating getting an excavator for the above work on the root cellar.

The excavator could also be used to bury stumps that have been dug up. However, a forester

must be contacted first to check on the legal status of burying the stumps.

A work day was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 20.

Other Business:

Jim Hobbs read an email from commission member Donald Robinson on a class he is currently taking that will compliment the commission's activities.

Jim Hobbs is exploring the placement of a monument on "No Mans Island" in the Connecticut River so people can identify this historically significant area.

The island is under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission so permission will have to be sought from them first. Carpenter Rick Walling will create the monument.

The Commission currently has \$100 left of the initial \$1000 allocated for the 2011 Hazen Park budget. There was discussion of increasing the 2013 budget to \$1,500.

Scott Moody's letter of inquiry to the mortgage holder of the Henderson Block in regards to donation of the building to the Haverhill Heritage Commission was presented and was deemed acceptable by the commission. Before mailing, the letter will be vetted by the Town Manager (Glen English) and the Chairman of the Woodsville Precinct (Dick Guy) and Wayne will present it to the Select Board..

Robert Fillion again inquired about the status of a letter that he had presented to the Commission about a year ago. Jim Hobbs presented the letter to Robert Fillion who in turn refused to accept it.

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Instead, Jim Hobbs will send a copy of the letter to Robert Fillion by registered mail.

Wayne Fortier asked Robert Fillion what it would take to resolve his complaints about the letter and statements made by Jim Hobbs and Robert Fillion responded by saying he wants \$500,000 from the town for slander and to remove Jim Hobbs as Chairman of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Haverhill Heritage Commission is scheduled for March 29, 2012

**Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Fortier and seconded by Scott Moody.
Motion approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Moody, Secretary Pro Tem and Treasurer**