

**HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Thursday, February 25, 2010**  
**James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH**

**Attending:** Jim Hobbs, Duane Baxter, Dick Ekwall, Karen Griswold, and Bruce Simonds

**Absent:** Carolyn Byrne, Robert Clifford, and Peter Heilemann

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. He then followed with a report of how much is now in the treasury. It is \$4,301.02. Money has been coming in from companies and people buying the granite blocks.

Dick Ekwall then reported on a Model Railroad Show that he is chairing. It will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. Jim suggested that the Heritage Commission might want to have a table there. Karen Griswold said that perhaps she could help that day. Pamphlets about what the Commission is doing could be passed out, forms placed on the table for people to buy granite blocks or bricks for Railroad Park, and anything else we might want to sell.

Jim Hobbs passed out a copy of his newest book, Coos Country that describes the first exploration to this area. This could also be sold at the Model Railroad Show.

Jim Hobbs proposed that there be a vote taken by members of the Commission to see if the initial proposal for development of the Hazen site be approved. Members unanimously voted “yes” on the Mission Statement of the project which is: “To establish a town park at the Hazen property”.

Jim then passed out his project outline to each member to look over and make suggestions. He also explained the project in more detail to Bruce Simonds who had not been at the previous meeting where it was outlined.

Jim has discussed the project with Sarah Caven, who expressed approval and Paul Knox thanked us for allowing him to cut the southern corner. Jim Hobbs stated that Peter Heilemann will present the Hazen project to the Selectboard and Jim will discuss it with TM English.

Duane Baxter noted that he had been in touch with Lynn Wheeler mentioning that the Commission might be interested in using some of the space at the now empty armory building for a museum if that is possible. He had also checked to see if the old phone building near the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge was empty but FairPoint people said that they are still using it.

Dick Ekwall asked Jim if we would be interested in a platform scale without weights. Jim did not think so.

Duane Baxter mentioned that we should really start making the exterior of the caboose look nice. There followed discussion of welding the steps, color of paint, roof, etc.

With no further items to be discussed, Karen Griswold moved to adjourn and that was seconded by Dick Ekwall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted, Karen Griswold, Secretary**

**P.S. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 unless members are notified otherwise.**