

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes - March 26, 2009

Attending:

Jim Hobbs
Dick Ekwall
Peter Heilemann
Robert Clifford
Bruce Simonds
Karen Griswold
Carolyn Byrne
Jane Darby
Shirley Cobb

Meeting was called to order by Jim Hobbs at 7:00PM.

Karen Griswold read the minutes from the meeting of February 26, 2009. Dick Ekwall moved that the meeting notes be amended to reflect the fact that there was no asbestos issue with the caboos in question discussed in the last meeting. Motion made and seconded to amend.

Jim Hobbs passed out copies of a letter from the town manager outlining the regulations for expenditures for non profits. This new information would require us to get 3 quotes on expenditures over \$2,000.00, which affects the caboos project.

Jim Hobbs announced that Chris Cronin resigned as Secretary/Treasurer effective immediately. Chris has a conflict with her work on Thursday nights. The commission thanks Chris for all of her outstanding work for the commission and the community. Discussion ensued about the need to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. It is assumed that we need three signatures on checks; Chairperson, Secretary (acting as Treasurer) and the bank person. It was decided that the office of Secretary only could suffice which would mean Chairperson, Secretary and bank person signing checks. A discussion followed regarding replacement for the secretary position. Karen Griswold volunteered to fill the position for a year with the exception of two months in the summer which Duane Baxter will act as a substitute secretary. It was decided that Duane Baxter would act as secretary for this meeting. Motion made and seconded and approved for the above.

Dick Ekwall reported on the Caboose project. He got one quote for over \$6,000 for the move which he rejected. A new quote was obtained for \$2070.00 to move the car from St. Albans Vermont to Woodsville New Hampshire. This was for the flatbed truck use only.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane Baxter, Secretary Protemp

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Dick Ekwall cont.. A separate quote of \$180 per hour has been received for the use of the crane to lift the car onto the flatbed and off again at the siding in Woodsville. The mover provided proof of adequate insurance per Dick Ekwall. Robert Clifford suggested that we also get a quote from Miller Co. in Lebanon. The car should be ready to move as soon as the quote requirements are met per Dick Ekwall. Discussion followed as to how to proceed with the quote process. Dick Ekwall will obtain the necessary three bids and Carolyn Byrne will place an ad for quotes with the BridgeWeekly newspaper for next week to run for one week only in compliance with the new regulations presented. All bids will go to Jim Hobbs for processing.

Dick Ekwall informed the commission members that Norman Ingles has offered to donate two refrigerator cars to the Heritage Commission that are located in Woodsville. Discussion of condition and the usage possibilities, including one to be used as a museum followed. Jim Hobbs said we could get volunteers to do the conversion work. Dick Ekwall will head up the inspection committee and report back via e-mail to voting members so the anticipated acceptance can be done quickly. The inspection committee will consist of Dick Ekwall, Robert Clifford and Jim Hobbs. They plan on completing this prior to our next meeting on April 23rd. It is anticipated that the second car 's trucks be used for the caboose and the box to be used for any needed parts. It could then be used as a railroad park building or scraped if necessary.

Shirley Cobb questioned the validity of the new quote regulations and thought we should qualify for grandfathering. Jim Hobbs replied that we would not have to change any processes now in motion for the kiosk, except obtaining any receipts, etc., for the work..

Jim Hobbs said we raised \$200.20 for the Covered Bridge Maintenance fund from the sale of bridge souvenirs, thanks to Karen, Carolyn and Jane, for all their work in making it successful.

Robert Clifford asked about the funds left over from the Covered Bridge project. Jim Hobbs replied that what was left went to the Bridge Maintenance fund.

Jim Hobbs asked about our funding from the town which was allotted at town meeting. No member could answer but it was assumed that the usual \$2000.00 was granted. Jim Hobbs will verify.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:58PM. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane Baxter, Secretary Protemp