

HVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes — Thursday, March 31, 2011 – James Morrill Building, North Haverhill, NH

**Attending: Jim Hobbs, Dick Ekwall, Wayne Fortier, Karen Griswold, and Scott Moody
Guest: Sherri Sargent, Town of Haverhill Recreation Director**

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The minutes of the February 24th meeting were approved as written.

The treasury of the Commission stands at \$4231.35. In January the amount in the checking account was \$5,921.35 but there was a payment of \$1690 to Gandin Brothers for the granite blocks. Two checks have been received for blocks, one from the American Legion and one from Laconia Savings and \$10600 in memorabilia sales. These have, as yet, not been put into the checking account.

Dick Ekwall then gave an update on the caboose. He said that Rick Walling will put in the windows as soon as the weather is above 50 degrees. He will also work on the roof. Dick will take the nuts and bolts off that have not yet been worked on.

Jim Hobbs then gave us a list of the work that needs to be done on the Hazen site. Wayne and Jim will meet with Paul Knox in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, Guerneys will not fund money for the shrubbery and plants on the site. Jim says we need to find a sponsor for that project.

Jim stated he had gone to a Parks and Recreation meeting – that group stated they would have liked to have had input as to determining the location of the kiosk prior to placing it in Railroad Park. From now on, Parks and Recreation will be the lead when partnering with HHc in RR Park projects, and HHC will assume the lead on Hazen Park activities.

Sherri Sargent, Recreation Director, then told the group that the bandstand will be moved before the first concert in May. Robco, Royal Electric, and Rich Clifford will take care of the move. Sherri then told us about the sign that will be put on the front of the bandstand. There will be a 9 ft. long beech sign that Doug Henson will work on – an image of a train engine made of sheet metal will be attached to the side. The wood is from a local tree! She needs to find someone who can rout out the letters on the wooden sign. Sherri will also have another sign made that will acknowledge everyone who worked on establishing the park. Karen stated that she will try to find additional names so that no one is overlooked.

Jim stated that the internship program at Woodsville High School is not viable at this time and has been canceled. The High School has been notified.

Scott stated he would like to see a sign that welcomes people to Woodsville and envisions it on the hill near the old railroad bridge with perennials around it. Discussion followed that it might be possible to replicate the old gateway to Woodsville sign that used to be up near Shiloh's.

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Scott will check with the precinct to see who owns the property and if they would be able to help with the sign. He will then get back to the Commission.

Wayne Fortier suggested that we have crocks of flowers placed at either end of the bridge that goes from Woodsville into Wells River. He mentioned how nice the flowers looked at either end of the bridge in Orford. Dick Ekwall stated that the Haverhill Garden Club might help with this and Karen suggested that there might be money in the Winifred Moran fund for such a project.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, April 28, 2011. Karen stated that she would not be able to attend and Jim said he would take notes.

With no further business to be discussed, Wayne moved we adjourn. This was seconded by Karen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Griswold, Secretary