

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes - April 26, 2009

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Dick Ekwall, Peter Heilemann, Robert Clifford
Carolyn Byrne, Shirley Cobb, Bruce Simonds, Duane Baxter

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

The minutes from the meeting of 3-26-09 were read from copies by all present. Shirley Cobb asked that the \$200.20 for the Covered Bridge Maintenance fund, mentioned in the notes, be amended to reflect the breakdown between funds provided by the sale of souvenirs and the petit point. Jim Hobbs said he would get the numbers and amend.

Secondly Shirley corrected the spelling of Ingles (not Engles).

Jim Hobbs confirmed that the cars from Norman Ingles have been rejected due to the condition of the cars. The rationale was that we should spend the money refurbishing one car to top shape rather than having several poorly refurbished cars, as funds are limited. Jim also suggested that we might consider purchasing the trucks, if the cars go for scrap.

Motion made by Shirley Cobb to make Karen Griswold a voting member of the Heritage Commission. Seconded by Bruce Simonds and Carolyn Byrne.
Motion carried.

Jim Hobbs stated that Wayne Mitchell and Frank O'Malley have agreed to be moved to a volunteer/advisory position. They wish to continue communication and want to receive future minutes. Shirley Cobb asked that Ruth Wellington, Betsy Bovereau and Marilyn Seminario be included as well. They will all receive a copy of board minutes and news letters.

Jim Hobbs confirmed that Karen Griswold, Jim Hobbs and the bank treasurer are the three signatories for check signing.

Robert Clifford confirmed that a Mr. Knox owns the property adjacent to the Hazen property.

Shirley Cobb reported on the status of the Kiosk. It is nearly ready. We expect it to be installed in May. There is need for some cleaning needed in the area where the Kiosk will be placed and we need to give the builder the exact location for placement. The question was asked if there will be a dedication ceremony when the Kiosk is in place. Jim Hobbs will check with Glenn English regarding the placement and a time for dedication will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane Baxter, Secretary Protemp

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Jim Hobbs stated that he had three volunteer contractors that have offered their services for the refurbishing of the caboose. Plus Jim said he has had several offers of train paraphernalia to be donated. Such as a caboose stove and a B&M lantern.

Jim Hobbs said that the ad for the bids on moving the caboose had been placed and will conclude May 1st. A motion was made by Bruce Simonds that if we do not receive any bids from this ad that we go with the contractor who has already quoted. Motion seconded by Robert Clifford. Motion carried. Copies of the ad were handed out to all members.

There was a discussion on the Hazen property. It was noted that the access to the property was inhibited by the fact that the adjacent owner has a corn field that is in use which would be necessary to be crossed to get to the Hazen house foundation. Ideas for overcoming this obstacle along with ways to help with the preservation of the foundation were offered by almost all members, including clearing the area of overgrowth. It was concluded by Jim Hobbs that we would devise ways for further action to be discussed at the next meeting. A date to visit the property will be decided at our next meeting also.

NEW BUSINESS

Shirley Cobb informed the commission members that a veteran's monument was being considered by the town and that perhaps the Heritage Commission should be involved.

Shirley Cobb read a letter from Duane Baxter outlining some thoughts on ways he might be helpful to the commission. It was decided that Duane would provide a more detailed example of his recommendations relating to a more formal approach to projects. This will be presented at our next meeting.

Dick Ekwall asked about the caboose we bought for \$100 and still own but have no plans to use. Motion made to get rid of it as best we can. Motion approved.

Motion made to adjourn at 815PM. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane Baxter, Secretary Protemp