

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, April 26, 2012 – James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

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

Excused Absence: Don Robinson

Public Attendance: Robert Fillion

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 approximately \$2,637.20

Granite Memory Block Report from Jim Hobbs:

- **3 more blocks were sold giving enough to do 3 rows of the memorial.**

Caboose Report from Dick Ekwall:

- **No news to report.**

Hazen report from Jim Hobbs

- **Cleared more trees around the foundation and buried stumps.**
- **Butternut trees have arrived to be resold at \$20 apiece as a fundraiser. Folks can keep the trees for personal use or request they be planted at Hazen Park.**
- **Planning to till area around the “oval” where a garden is being planted.**
- **Obtained 35 Willow trees for river bank restoration to complement the approximately 75 that have already been planted (and hopefully survived the recent flooding)**
- **Railway Farm & Garden donated cedar posts to be used to rope off the area where seedlings are being planted.**

Other Business:

There was a wrap-up discussion on the Henderson Block proposal—which was to ask the mortgage holder to donate the building to the Commission. The proposal was recently rejected by the Haverhill Selectboard.

There was a short discussion on the No Man’s Island monument which is in preliminary stages.

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New Business: None

Jim Hobbs turned the floor over to Robert Fillion at approximately 7:40

Robert Fillion went into yet another discussion on the details of Chairman Hobbs letter-to-the-editor in response to Mr. Fillion's op-ed in a local paper. Mr. Fillion's details on the matter seemed confused and he went on to make a number of unsubstantiated accusations against the Commission:

He accused the Commission of failing to fulfill its state mandate.

- **He accused the Commission of being manipulated by Chairman Hobbs**
- **He accused the Commission of having a conflict of interest between Chairman Hobbs and his antique business.**

The next meeting of the Haverhill Heritage Commission is scheduled for May 24, 2012

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Fortier and seconded by Dick Ekwall. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Moody, Secretary Pro Tem and Treasurer