

HAVERTHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes – Thursday, July 31, 2009

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Carolyn Byrne, Shirley Cobb, Dick Ekwall, Peter Heilemann and Bruce Simonds

Absent: Duane Baxter, Robert Clifford and Karen Griswold.

Chairman Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Carolyn B. and seconded by Bruce S. to accept minutes of the last meeting as published. All present were in favor.

Jim H. notified the members that the final payment for the kiosk had been paid. The account balance after that payment is \$2491.82.

Jim showed pictures Dick Ekwall had taken of the railroad items in West Paris, Maine. The owner is Norm Millett, 207-674-2254 or 207-527-2254. Jim H. will contact him and inquire about the items. Dick will then communicate with Mr. Millett should there be a need for more discussion.

Publicity about the granite blocks and the paving bricks is starting. Jimmy Walker is going to give information to the Good Old Boys and the Lions club. Jim Hobbs will be available to talk to any organizations about the project. V.F.W. will vote at their next meeting on purchasing a granite plaque. Laconia Bank is considering a purchase and other banks are being contacted. The project goal is to raise \$35,000.00. Sale forms were distributed and any interested parties can call Jim at 747-4025 or 787-2449 or any member.

One side of the kiosk has been offer to the V.F.W to display the list of veterans and a contact number for any names that are not listed. It has been suggested Railroad Park could be used as a home for the Veterans Plaque. There was one on the front lawn of the South Court Street court house at one time. Any information as to where there might be any remains of this plaque would be of interest to VFW and HHC.

The bid of \$7,950.00 by Classen's Crane service has been voted on and the bid is accepted. There were no negative votes.

Jim and Duane B. explored the Hazen site. It is totally overgrown. Membership decided to clean out the area now, with a follow up this fall and another next spring, before finalizing the turn-over to UVLT. We found the ramp to the barn and a possible place to land kayaks or canoes. The Japanese Knot-weed is extremely thick and tall making it most difficult to find boundary markers, etc.

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It was unanimously voted to use the sum of \$500.00 for the initial clean-up. It was suggested Bob Clifford would be the member to look into the possibility of using prison inmate labor for this project. Using a brush-hog was the initial thought. After some discussion a cycle-bat would be better as it cuts close to the ground instead of chopping. We are looking into burning the brush ... possibly on site, after contacting the fire department! Any advice would be appreciated.

It was offered that the town attorney might be the proper way to get a solution to the landmark and right-of-way problems at the Hazen site, with Mr. Knox. Jim will discuss this with TM English.

Duane has contacted a salvage company in Lisbon as to the possibility of scraping the two Armour cars and one set of trucks ... delivering the other set of trucks to the caboose site. If this is possible it should be accomplished before the caboose is delivered.

Shirley Cobb asked if moving the stage could be considered as an add-on to the present work at the Railroad park site. It seems all of the bands complain about the direction the stage when the sun is setting. It is directly in the faces of the band members during this time. It is suggested the stage be relocated on the northern-treeline side ... 1/4 turn counter clockwise. Jim agreed to discuss this with TM English.

The Pike Dated Chimney project is unchanged.

It was decided the date of the last concert, Sept. 18th, should be when the kiosk is dedicated. This will be discussed with TM English. The band will take an intermission for the dedication. Shirley C. will email Jim with the information that should be engraved on the kiosk plaque. Jim will attend to the engraving.

Jim H. will talk with Doc Blaisdell who has offered to donate a chain that was used to hold back logs, during log drives. This chain will be used to clock the road gateway on the Ammonoosuc side of the park. A plaque will be made as to the donation and the historical info of the chain.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hobbs, Chairman and Secretary pro tem.