

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes – Thursday, August 30th, 2012
James R. Morrill Municipal Building
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Wayne Fortier, Dick Ekwall
Absent: Scott Moody, Don Robinson
Public Attendance: Robert Fillion

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

***** Review of the August minutes were accepted after two corrections. Dick Ekwall asked that paragraph 3 on page one have the word “Heritage” changed to *“Historical”*, and that it be noted that the Haverhill Historical Society did make an effort to salvage both the Opera House and the Court House, in Woodsville, but were unable to fund either. On the second page, line two, allocations was to be changed to *allegations*.**

Motion by Wayne, second by Dick ... motion unanimously moved.

***** Treasury report: The current balance in the checking account is \$2,503.59**

Includes a deposit on Aug 29th, of \$230.00 for a granite memory block and four butternut trees.

Jim offered the suggestion that the treasury be put into categories with funds recorded, within individual projects, with deposits and withdrawals entered in each budgeted category. This report would give a more accurate reading of the treasury, including allocated funds for each project, instead of just a one figure treasury balance.

The new treasury report system will be used for the next meeting, along with the bank statement. The members can then vote on approval.

***** Caboose Report from Dick Ekwall:**

Dick is still looking for trucks “wheels“ for the caboose. The logo is being painted on both sides as well as the caboose number on both sides and ends. The funds wfor this ... \$400.00 ... were donated by Carol Coon and the Haverhill Historical Society. The commission thanks them both. Carol Coon has, also, helped considerable in the painting of the caboose!

***** Hazen report.**

Jim received an email from Laurel L. Brown, Community Relations Manager for PSNH Western / Central Division agreeing to purchase five butternut trees and one memory block “PSNH”. The walking trail from the garden to the house foundation will have PSNH signage. Clarification as to grant amounts for 2012 and 2013 have not been received yet.

Two trees have fallen during recent storms. One has been removed, the other in process. A large amount of brush is starting to become a problem. Jim has communicated with Patten Gas as to the acquisition of a chipper, but hasn’t received a response.

The flower garden is progressing well and many plants are in bloom. Green Thumb donated a truckload of mulch and about a third of the garden is covered. Tim Clough donated repairs on the mower, Mountain Milk donated water during the past dry period.

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Jim stated we are in need of a backhoe to crush the brushpile, pick out some rocks and trumps. Wayne will look into it.

We are awaiting estimates for 8-10 feet of steps for the canoe-kayak entrance.

Jim meet with members of the Fish & Game and they are going to supply a quantity of signs restricting hunting on the Hazen property, as it is near Mike Fenns house and the camp grounds.

We are in need of a cant dog to assist in moving the log barrier on the road entrance. Jim wants them removed before Mr. Knox send harvesting equipment in to cut the corn. We don't want the machines to accidently hit the logs causing damage. Wayne is looking into it and Jim will check with Fogg's as to renting one.

*** Hobbs presented drawings for the marker that could be placed on No Man's Island, signifying all four towns that border at that spot. Rick Walling has the plans and we await his estimate. Rick also has a large store fixture that came out of the old "Charlie Christopher" store., and is looking for a location for displaying it???

*** There was discussion about having ongoing fund raising programs. One was for buttons displaying the caboose which raised \$50.00 at a recent RR show.

Another was for Hazen Park membership cards by donation. This would be ongoing from year to year. Wayne suggested using "Hazen Park Donor" as opposed to "Hazen Park Membership". Costs are being looked into.....

*** There was discussion as to asking for an increase to the town's contribution to HHC of \$600.00. It hasn't been increased since the commissions conception. Wayne will ask for the select board's opinion.

*** There is a big railroad event scheduled for next July, on either the 5th or 6th, in Railroad park. There will be speakers, music, and railroad-logging memorabilia and a train excursion and it would be good for HHC to have a booth.

*** Mention was made that the Henderson block has been sold and signs of restoration are visible.

*** My apology for not changing the date on the agenda. The July 26th agenda was copied as the sample and the date was not changed to August 30th. Ooooooops!

Motion to adjourn by Dick, seconded by Wayne. Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:10.

Date for next meeting is September 27th.

Jim Hobbs, acting secretary.