

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, September 24, 2009 – James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Carolyn Byrne, Dick Ekwall, Karen Griswold, Peter Heilemann, and Bruce Simonds

Absent: Duane Baxter, Robert Clifford

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

Jim Hobbs brought in a nice note from Ruth Wellington, former chair of the Committee, that Carolyn Byrne read to us stating how glad she was that the kiosk was done and how she was sorry not to be able to attend the dedication ceremony.

The minutes of the August 27th meeting of the Commission were approved as written by Carolyn Byrne and seconded by Karen Griswold.

Jim noted that the treasurer's report remained unchanged except for a couple of people who want to buy granite blocks.

Jim then stated that both he and the Selectboard had been notified by Shirley Cobb of her official resignation from the Haverhill Heritage Commission.

He then proceeded to tell the group that the caboose should be delivered soon and Glenn will let him know the exact date. He noted that the radio station (WYKR) would give us free radio announcements about the granite and brick blocks' project.

Bruce Simonds noted that several people had expressed interest to him in buying blocks and he brought in an order from the Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club.

Jim noted that he will be speaking to the Good Old Boys, the Lions Club and the VFW regarding the purchase of granite and brick blocks. The VFW will definitely buy one.

Dick Ekwall noted that the Pike Project is "status quo". He keeps checking on any developments.

Karen Griswold asked if it would be possible to leave signs and forms for the purchase of the bricks and granite blocks somewhere in the Town offices since there is a lot of foot traffic through there and someone might see the forms and make a purchase.

Jim brought up the Hazen site. He said that he and Duane had been down there for about three hours. Jim feels it is too much of an effort to clear all the Japanese bamboo and suggests we rent a machine to make a path that people could follow to the archeological remains and that we could put up a storyboard.

Carolyn Byrne suggested we get Sarah Cavin of the Upper Valley Land Trust back in as soon as possible to find out what the Trust will do in the way of upkeep of the property.

Jim Hobbs said we should focus on the caboose right now and get Sarah back in at a later date.

Peter Heilemann suggested we contact some Boy Scouts or Eagle Scouts who might do the cleanup on the site and mobilize people in the community as well. He said he would check on what Scouts are in the area.

Jim Hobbs said that he had found lights for Railroad Park like the ones on the bridge between Woodsville and Wells River. He thinks the lights will help the park a lot.

Karen Griswold noted that the map placed in the kiosk seems oriented in the wrong direction and she will try to figure something out to change it.

Jim Hobbs noted that he thinks there should be cameras set up in the park.

Jim then brought up the caboose on Brushwood Road and thinks we should forget it. Dick Ekwall says all the other trucks have been moved. Jim also wants to put doing anything with the Armour cars on hold.

Jim opened the meeting to general discussion – Bruce Simonds stated that he liked the concert in Railroad Park.

Carolyn Byrne asked where the granite blocks and bricks were going to be installed. Jim said the blocks would be installed under the school granite date block and the bricks would probably pave the area around the kiosk.

Jim noted that Duane Baxter will be gone until February. Karen Griswold stated that we need to find more members.

Jim noted that we will probably not meet in November or December unless there is a specific need. With no further business to be discussed, Peter Heilemann moved we adjourn. This was seconded by Dick Ekwall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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