

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Anita, Finlay, Lynne. Absent: Janice, Lexi, Deb. We have a quorum.

**CALL TO ORDER:**7:02 PM

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL of FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Approved February minutes.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**Still seeking one more member and two alternates.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Display Case:** Janice: Not present.

*Action: Finlay will check with Nick to see if video was made and whether/when we can view it.*

**Portraits for Town Hall:**

**Canvases:** Janice: No further information. Quote on Jan. 9 was for \$500 for 5 canvas portraits gallery wrapped and ready to hang. Approved.

*Action: Need to order canvases..*

**Frames:** Lexi: Not present. Sent email stating that Chuck Mower will make custom frames. Should all match, but be simpler than the ones in the hall.

*Action: Lexi will find examples to show Chuck.*

**Status of Mastricola Portraits:** Lynne: Lynne went to Mastricola School. There are two types of portraits available there. One is a standing figure by a barn and the other (2 copies) a pencil drawing at younger age. We discussed at \$250 prize for the best one, with possibilities of other awards. Not finalized.

*Action: Lynne will work with a woman at the school to scan both portraits and take to high school art dept. for a contest to create a portrait for our use.*

**Dam Plaque and Sign:** Anita: The plaque is on order by Pennichuck and is to be mounted on a boulder near the fire station.

*Action: Finlay will look at the location.*

**Chamberlain Bridge Sign:** Plan D. Anita: We have submitted a design for an arched granite sign to be mounted on the bridge itself. We have a quote from Swenson's Granite for \$1900 with an additional fee for drilling holes (\$25 each) in the bottom and \$90 for delivery. We are considering placement on western side of bridge above the "Town of Merrimack" sign. Approved design and quote.

*Action: Anita will contact a mason (hopefully Laquerre) to determine charges for installation. Anita will order the sign.*

**Seaverns Bridge Sign:** Anita. Crown Trophy in Hooksett has given a quote of \$900 for a bronze plaque. They are given a price of \$150 for an acrylic one, plus a \$50 artwork charge for

creating the bridge design on the plaque. Voted to have two acrylic ones made, since the lifespan of an acrylic one is 5-10 years.

*Action: Anita will order two acrylic signs.*

**Town Tour Brochures:** Anita and Lexi: Reviewed updates in design, wording and photos for Reeds Ferry brochure. We feel it should be a 3 section brochure rather than four.

*Action: Lexi will provide new photos and has already done other design work. Lexi will also provide better maps.*

**Historic Buildings Plaques:** Anita and Lynne: Anita and Lynne met and decided to begin work on 40 letters using buildings before 1890 and going in alphabetical order of street names. We are using the list provided by the assessor's office, reformatted to include dates of construction and plaques already issued. The current list will involve homes from Acacia Street through Daniel Webster Highway. A sample letter was provided for input from Commission members.

*Action: Upon approval of letter, Anita will meet with Ruth Liberty who has offered to write the letters.*

**Town Master Plan Committee:** Deb: Not present: Anita has received no minutes from the January meeting.

*Action: Anita will contact Nelson Disco to see if he can provide any input.*

**Freedom's Way Committee:** Anita: No further news.

**Cemeteries:**

**Turkey Hill project:** The Boy Scout has received approval for his project, which may begin soon, with the warm weather melting the soil.

**Bowers' Grave:** Janice found a descendent of Nathan Powers. Anita has been in contact with her, and it is hoped they will take an interest in the grave on Powers Circle.

**Christmas Cards:** We reviewed potential subjects for reprinting some old cards and getting photos for new ones.

*Action: Anita will send a list to Commission members, and Lynne will contact Ken Harvey with hopes of getting photos during snowy conditions (should we ever get snow again).*

**Naticook Brook Monument:** Lexi and Anita visited the site at 334 Daniel Webster Highway. This is a granite block between two private properties and across from the culvert to Naticook Brook located at the entrance to DW Rd leading to Island Drive. We will investigate getting a sign to commemorate the block as the location of a battle during the French and Indian War.

*Action: Anita will forward Lexi's photo to Commission members.*

**Meeting Closed at 8:30 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** April 9: 7PM in the Community Development Conference Room.