

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
INFORMAL MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Anita, Finlay. Absent: Lynne, Janice, Lexi, Deb. NO QUORUM.

CALL TO ORDER: Unofficial meeting opened at 7:15 PM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL of **MARCH MINUTES:** Reviewed but could not approve.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Still seeking one more member and two alternates. Concern over activity level of current members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Display Case: *Action: Finlay will check with Nick again to see if video was made. Need ideas for next display scheduled for June.*

Portraits for Town Hall:

Canvases: Janice: Not present. *Action: Anita will contact Janice to learn status.*

Frames: Lexi: Not present. Anita has made printouts of several from online source. *Action: Anita will get some potentials to Finlay to show to Chuck Mower. Need to know anticipated costs.*

Status of Mastricola Portraits: Lynne: Not present Lynne has brought scans of the two portraits at the school to the art teacher. The teacher has inquired as to the authenticity of the proposal. We had definite prize decision, so contacted Lexi by telephone during the meeting. She moved that we allocate \$250 for the first prize and \$100 for the second prize. Finlay seconded and it was approved by those present. *Action: Anita will contact Lynne to have her finalize with the school.*

Dam Plaque and Sign: Anita: Upon visiting the site, Anita and Finlay feel there is no appropriate location for a boulder. *Action: We will investigate mounting the sign, when it comes, on a post similar to that at Watson Park, located beyond the railing near the fire station. Possibly move it when the sluiceway trail is created with more access.*

Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Plan D. Anita: The arched granite sign is being made by Swenson's Granite. It is 84 inches long, 12 inches deep, and approximately 20-24 inches tall. The cost is \$1900, previously approved. Swenson's will drill three holes at \$25 each and deliver it to the site for \$90, ready for installation. We still need a mason to install it. Laquerre cannot do it. Finlay called Al's Masonry in Wilton. *Action: Al will meet Finlay Friday evening to review the site after talking with Swenson's.*

Seaverns Bridge Sign: Anita. Two acrylic signs with copper covering are being made by Crown Trophy at a cost of \$150 each, plus \$50 for artwork. An approved design was submitted,

which includes the bridge design and four mounting bolts. The lifespan of the plaque is 5-10 years, and we will hold the second one for future use. *Action: Anita will investigate an appropriate boulder on which to mount the plaque to be located at the canoe base near the bridge site.* DPW would be the one to move the boulder. Anita will investigate getting it mounted. Possibly Mark Rivet.

Town Tour Brochures:Anita and Lexi: Not present. Lexi submitted, by email, a redesign of the Reeds Ferry brochure. This includes new wording and plans for new photos for several buildings. Photos have not yet been taken or obtained. Wording for the other brochures, Souhegan Village and Thornton's Ferry were reviewed. These brochures need to be redesigned into a tri-fold format. *Action: Anita will work with Lexi to get this accomplished.*

Historic Buildings Plaques:Anita : The list of 40 building has been updated.It includes building built before 1890 on roads beginning with A through Daniel Webster Highway. This is phase III of the program. A sample letter and order form were approved. *Action: Anita will get these to Ruth Liberty to begin sending letters. Need to authorize postage for this.*

Town Master Plan Committee:Deb: Not present. We did receive a copy of the recent minutes. There is no April meeting.

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

Cemeteries:

Turkey Hill Graveyard project:Should begin soon.

Bowers Gravesite:No further action on the part of the Commission. A descendent of Nathan Bowers has been informed of the site and stone.

Christmas Cards:Anita has sent a list of potential subjects. New ones we would like to have are: Wheeler Chapel, Simond's Rock, New Courthouse, New Kids Cove Playground and Matthew Thornton Monument. We will reuse Baboosic Brook, Gazebo, Town Hall, First Cong. Church, Library, Schoolhouse #12, Village Dam and Thomas More College. Also use old photos of Turkey Hill Bridge, Clydesdales going through Tomasian gateway and McGaw Normal Institute. *Action:Anita will have Lynne contact Ken Harvey about taking photos and getting estimates of cost.* No rush now that snow is gone (was it ever here?).

Financial Approvals: Anita expressed concern over how bills will get approved for payment for the signs, portraits, frames, contest and cards. Paul McCalley, treasurer, must sign the checks, but we don't know what he needs to authorize this. *Action: Finlay will look into this.*

Meeting closed at 8:22 PM.

Next Meeting: May 14 at 7PM in the Community Development Conference Room.