

Approved: October 15, 2012

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 10, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Finlay Rothhaus, Anita Creager, Lynne Wenz, Deb Bult. We have a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL of MINUTES- May minutes accepted as read. June did not have a quorum, so could not be approved.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Still nothing finalized on Janice Brown's resignation. Anita will pursue. Have several openings which need to be filled. Voted to cancel August meeting and to hold annual meeting with election of officers in Sept.

OLD BUSINESS:

Display Case: Anita has set up new display on District Schools . Will need Some work still. Have done publicity for people to view it.

Portraits for Town Hall: No further action. Waiting scans from Janice. Will resubmit the contest for James Masticola in the fall.

Dam Plaque and Sign: Anita has not yet reached Pennichuck to determine status.

Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Anita will contact Brooks (?) to determine if they can do the engraving when the town takes the railing out temporarily.

Seaverns Bridge Sign: Waiting for update from DPW as to whether and When the boulder and sign can be installed.

Town Tour Brochures: Deb will pursue meeting with Lexi to finalize.

Historic Buildings Plaques: We have had 21 positive responses from the 40 letters sent out. Two have been returned with no contact. Bob Gaumont will get a second one to mount on the front of his building. Lynne moved to approve ordering plaques at \$24 each, and Deb seconded the motion. Anita will order the plaques. We plan to present them with appropriate publicity at a Town Council meeting in September. We will reorder if more responses come in, but not for the public presentation. In 2013 and 2014, we will send another ~40 letters, beginning with street names beginning with "E".

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Town Master Plan Committee: Deb attended last meeting. She and Anita reviewed the Historic and Cultural portion of the 2003 Master Plan, and recommended updates to Ralph per conference call. Ralph has requested some old building photos to include. Anita will provide them to him. Next meeting is July 31. Deb will attend.

Cemeteries:

Turkey Hill project: Repair of tilted gravestones is complete. No plan at this time to repair broken or fallen ones.

Thornton's and Reeds Ferry projects: Another Boy Scout has gotten approval to do the same in these two graveyards. Should be complete by Sept.

Holiday Cards: Reviewed cards for which we already have samples. Finlay will take one to Mr. Brown at the print shop at the High School to review getting more printed. Still need more new pictures for note cards without holiday theme. Lynne will check with a photographer she knows. Lexi took some photos at Simond's Rock. Anita and Deb will look into others. We need to finalize this in August to have cards for sale at Sept. 29 Business Expo. If necessary, we will hold a meeting in August to approve this.

July 4th Display: We had an extensive display at the July 4th celebration. I has now been turned into the one in the display case at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSED AT 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting: September 10 at 7 PM