

Approved: September 22, 2014

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 25, 2014

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Deb Bult, Kristen Newhall, Anita Creager and Lon Woods. We have a quorum.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES: Reviewed and approved June 23 minutes.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Lon Woods is our new welcome liaison. Still have one full opening and three alternates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Portraits and Frames for Town Hall. This is priority #1. Kristen has a quote for \$89.99 each for four 18 x 24" canvases from Fed Ex. Total is \$359.96. We will use the McGaw one as is with 20 x 26", and place it on the back wall with matching frame to others. Anita will get new quote for frames from Casual Cat. These will be custom ones at higher cost than the standard ones.

Greeting cards: Priority #2. Decided on reprints for 7 old cards and 12 new ones. See attached list.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #3. Anita has list of those planned. Need to contact past plaque owners to get them installed.

Town Tour Brochures: Priority #4. Reviewed copies of all three submitted by Justin Calautti. Several suggestions made for changes. Overall, very well done. Anita will submit changes to Justin.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Unknown. Lon will contact Dave Spence for more information.

WW II Memorial- Eagle Scout project- Hayden Faust. Has been approved, and fund raising in process. Expects to begin work this Fall. Has room for additional names.

Photos for Memorial Room- Photos have been mounted and framed. Jackie Flood has received them, but they are not on wall yet. Anita has received invoice, but it needs correction before submitting to Finance Dept. for payment. Jackie has remaining photos, planned for next year.

Images of America Books: Available for sale at Town Manager's office and Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS:

McGaw Bridge status: Kyle was present to review status and posters. Bridge is eligible for National Registry, but condition requires it to be replaced. Heritage Commission is requested to provide input to Dept. of Historical Resources about historic recognition. We feel that a traditional green/brass historical sign provided by State is best thing. Anita will provide suggested wording to Commission before sending to State. Bridge work is paid 80% by State and 20% by Town. Next bridge is on DW Highway near Pynenberg's. Manchester St. bridge at Pennichuck is almost done.

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John Cromwell plaque replacement. Reviewed photos of plaque located at Anheuser Busch. It was mounted flat to ground, and has deteriorated with weather. Anita waiting quote from Crowne Trophy of replacement. Anita will arrange for town to provide angled boulder to display. Anita will also check to see how old plaque can be removed and preserved at Historical Society. Voted to approve cost up to \$3000.

Drone photography project: Reviewed plans from Ken Fothergill, who is taking video and hard copy drone photographs of up to 100 historic homes, at no cost for the Historical Society. This is not a Heritage Commission project. There are no current laws regulating drone photography, but want to avoid conflict. All photos will be with permission of homeowners. Publicity will go out before any photos are available to assure public of the project. Anita will talk with Eileen Cabernal about the project.

Location of our files: File cabinets have been moved to Community Development conference room. Anita to review, since they have been rearranged in move.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Both projects involved in 2015 plans for repairs on Chamberlain Bridge and installation of trail under bridge. Dam sign is located in Town Manager's office.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 22