

Approved: August 24, 2015

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 22, 2015

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Kristen Newhall, Lynne Wenz, Lon Woods, Anita Creager, Finlay Rothhaus

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved May minutes with one correction.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Lon Woods has been approved, and Kristen Newhall has sent in letter of interest in remaining. This should fill all our full positions, leaving only the alternates to fill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Portraits and Frames for Town Hall. Priority #1: Received word that they would be installed in early June. Not done as of today. Finlay will follow up with Rick Seymour. Anita will finalize display in cabinet, which will feature these portraits.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #2. Anita and Kristen will send letters to potential home owners.

John Cromwell plaque replacement. Priority #3. Lynne has made a copy of the 1657 map showing John Cromwell's trading post, which has been framed and ready to give to Anheuser Busch to display. Will go in Visitor's Center when renovations are done. Anita will contact Dave Brooks about picking up and storing it at his location while we decide with his advice, whether to repair/replace and arrange to more suitable mounting. Finlay will talk with his contact at AB to remove the monument, so we can move it to Brooks'.

Photos for Memorial Room: Priority #4. Photos still not installed. Jackie Flood has obtained identification signs and arranged for installation. Anita will contact Jackie and Rick Seymour to determine status.

Wooden Stocks at Weston Park: Priority #5. Finlay will ask his wife for information on this project which took place during the 250th anniversary. Lynne will write up information to be placed on the kiosk at Weston Park.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Brick in memory of James Ferguson has been approved at no cost to us. Finlay will inquire as to whether a more extensive memorial might be possible, since Ferguson and Fraser were the only two Merrimack residents who died in WW I. Waiting response.

WW II Memorial- Eagle Scout project- Hayden Faust. Held dedication on Memorial Day at Veteran's Memorial Park. Five incorrect plates are being replaced. Good turnout for ceremony.

Town Tour Brochures: They are now alive and well on the town's website. They are available at Town Hall, the Library and the Historical Society. Have been distributed elsewhere as well.

Possible new location for Historical Society: Finlay is looking for contact at Flatley Corp to inquire about past Fish Hatchery property. Anita will contact

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Community Development to review ownership. We will continue to attempt contact with the Manchester YMCA regarding Rev. Wright's home. **Anita** will contact Nelson Disco to seek contact information and seek admission to determine feasibility of using this building.

Business Expo and K of C Craft Fair: Have registered for both.

July 4th Family Fun Day: Have registered for a booth. Will have display and sales.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round.

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Both projects involved in plans for repairs on Chamberlain Bridge and installation of trail under bridge. Dam sign is located in Town Manager's office. The sidewalk and trail project is now scheduled for 2016 through a State grant. Town Center committee working on signage along the river trail from Wildcat Falls to Watson Park, going under the DW Highway.

McGaw Bridge: Will be replaced in 2015 with approved signage by State. Work should start soon.

Drone photography project: Ken Fothergill. On hold.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE: We will not hold a July meeting, unless circumstances warrant one. We can communicate by phone and email if needed. Thus, the next meeting will be August 24, since there are five Mondays in August. Beginning in Sept, we will meet on third Monday of the month.