

Approved: February 15, 2016

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
Nov. 16, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Lynne, Anita, Finlay. Absent: Deb, Lon

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPT. MINUTES: Approved. No meeting held in October.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Have one full opening and three alternates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historical Home Plaques: **Finlay** to check with Tom Connell to encourage installing plaque or inquire as to making another. **Lynne** to check with Bernier to get approval. **Anita** to check with D'Orval to get approval for "Birds Nest"

John Cromwell plaque replacement: **Anita** to contact Dave Brooks and John Richtarik – 345-8864 to get monument moved to Brooks' for evaluation.

Photos for Memorial Room: Not installed yet.

Wooden Stocks at Weston Park: **Lynne** to write up description-contact Parks and Rec or Public Works regarding the kiosk key.

Fraser Square Monument Status: **Anita** to inquire of Paul Micali for status.

Possible new location for Historical Society:

Rev. Wright's House: Not presented to Town Council per Manager's request. **Anita** to contact Hal Jordan about evaluation and potential for preservation.

Fish Hatchery: **Anita** will phone Flatley, since no response to letter. **Anita** will send copy of letter to Commission.

K of C Craft Fair: \$56 profit from selling cards

Welcome Signs: **Anita** will contact Dave Brooks to get better copy of potential design. Voted to read "Welcome to Merrimack 1746 Four Villages- One Town. We prefer half-oval granite in slots in posts. Approved up to \$3000. **Anita** will finalize locations and get approvals from owners.

Historical Society update: Anita and Jeanne met with Paul Micalli for budget. Finlay applied for lifetime membership.

Relocation of ice house and corn crib: **Anita** will check with Rob Lavoie, owner of ice house to determine if it is moveable. **Anita** will then check with Lynda Tomasian to contact Kevin Lougee about moving it or disassembling it to move to DPW temporarily. **Anita** will check with owner at Gauthier Rd. about moving corn crib. Final location to be at Wasserman Park with signage.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Town Tour Brochures: Approved making 200 each of Reed's Ferry and Souhegan Village and 100 of Thornton's Ferry. **Anita** will make copies.

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Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round.

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: 2016

McGaw Bridge: Will be replaced in 2016 . State has decided to put a different type of sign on final bridge.

Bean Road Bridge: Now in process of replacement.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Preservation of Spalding foundation in Horse Hill: Lynne inquired as to status of Eagle project to preserve the site. Blake Bormuth is working with Tim Tenhave to determine scope of project and what endangered flora might be involved.

Membership needs. Lynne suggested that **Anita** contact Sr. Citizens Club, Friends and Family, Lioness and other service organizations to develop interest in serving on Commission. We are in dire need of active members and alternates. Lynne suggested that having fewer meetings might help. We will aim for 7 per year with emergency meetings as needed. **Anita** to send contact information to **Finlay** for Kristen Newhall to encourage her return

NEXT MEETING: January 18. Will not hold December meeting due to holidays.