

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Lon Woods, Ralph Gerenz, Anita Creager. This constitutes a quorum.
Absent: Sean Sylvester and liaison, Finlay Rothhaus.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: Approved June 15 minutes.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Lon and Anita have been reapproved for another time. Sean expires in 2018. Anita will try to reach him to determine status.

OLD BUSINESS:

Welcome signs: Complications with locations. The signs are ready to install, but the state will not approve the locations within their right of way, because they have granite posts. Anita and Kyle Fox have marked locations and will investigate whether granite signs can be mounted on wooden posts. If so, we will do that. If not, we will find new locations for the signs not influenced by the State; perhaps in front of Town Hall and either Watson Park or Wasserman Park. Granite signs are already paid for. Anita will research possibilities of creating new wooden signs and posts for the two previous locations. She will also contact Paul Micali to determine financial status for this possibility.

Historical Home Plaques: Status

The locations are at:

3 Jennifer St.
10 Griffin St.
68 Joppa Rd.
150 Joppa Rd.
9 Harris St.
45 Turkey Hill Rd.
7 Fuller Mill Rd.
20 Fuller Mill Rd.
11 Hadley St.
5 Loop Rd.
9 Loop Rd.
11 Loop Rd.
23 Loop Rd.
25 Loop Rd.
27 Loop Rd.

Voted to approve getting these 16 signs made. Have current quote from R & L Graphics. Anita will work with Paul Micali to determine if funds are available for this project.

Spaulding Foundation status: Preservation is complete, and Anita has submitted wording to Horse Hill Subcommittee for plaque. They will arrange to have it made and mounted.

Photos From Memorial Room: No further action. Still have three photos unidentified.

Corn Crib: Ralph will follow up on status. Indefinite plans are to move it to a site in Wasserman Park near the Community Garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upham Road development: Reviewed status of the Fuller Mill location on the property under consideration. Anita will contact Planning Board to determine situation.

Old King's Highway: Planning Board has addressed a request to combine two lots which may be affected by Old King's Highway right of way. Anita will attempt to do research to determine exact route between Seaverns Bridge Rd. and Cummings Rd. to find if there are other conflicts in that area.

Knights of Columbus Craft Fair: Ralph moved, Lon seconded and all approved having check for \$45 sent in for registration. Fair is Nov. 3-4 at All Purpose Room. Anita will not be present, but will prepare for it. Ralph and Lon are willing to help. Booth is shared with Historical Society, who will pay the second \$45.

ONGOING:

Dam/History/Trail/Chamberlain Bridge sign: No current activity. May be on hold due to Amherst Rd. work.

Town Flag- Dead issue

Pynenburg House- Anita was contacted by engineers doing research on this property as plans for the Route 3 bridge replacement are ongoing. Has referred engineers to Janice Brown and Jackie Flood.

Greeting Cards still available for sale

Town Hall Roof Slates; Boxes have been given to Historical Society to store. Moved by Lon, seconded by Ralph and approved transfer ownership to the Society, so they can make plans to decorate them and sell at craft fair. Anita will contact Becky to get decals of town seal, and Ralph will investigate method of decoration.

OPEN COMMENT: None.

NEXT MEETING : Next meeting October 9,2017