

Approved: January 26, 2015

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Nov. 24, 2014

7:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Lynne Wenz, Anita Creager, Kristen Newhall. This is a quorum. Deb Bult and Lon Woods unable to attend.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** Oct. minutes approved.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:** 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. Anita has delivered the portrait of Nathan Parker to Nicholas Lavalee, who will store it until others are available. He WILL NOT be responsible for erecting it. Voted to use: Emma Cross, James Mastricola, Walter Kittredge, Abbie Griffin and James Sherwood Thornton. Thornton is a chance from Edward Haseltine. **Kristen and Anita** will meet on Dec. 1 at 4 to finalize order for canvases.

Greeting cards: Priority #2. For sale at the Town Manager's office. Poster at Town Clerk's entrance. Sales at K of C Fair were fair. No sales at office yet, but several other sales in. **Lynne** will check with Library to set a date to see them there.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #3. Anita has sent the list of owners and addresses and letterheads for Deb to write letters to obtain further information and interest in the plaques.

Town Tour Brochures: Priority #4. Plan to print in Spring. Will cost \$.16 each to do at Town Hall. Will determine then how many to print. Anita will submit electronic copies to Chuck Miller to put on town website. Discussed possibly selling them rather than handing out free.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Anita has information on James Ferguson to submit for the "brick". Paul Micali has sent information about purchasing bricks. Anyone may purchase one and in memory of anyone-living or dead. **Paul** will let us know how the one for James Ferguson will be done, so we can submit wording.

WW II Memorial- Eagle Scout project- Hayden Faust. Has been approved and work has begun. Hopes to complete by Memorial Day.

Photos for Memorial Room- Photos have been mounted and framed. Waiting for installation. Anita has contacted Jackie Flood to get the original photos returned to the Historical Society. Will probably have about 20 portraits eventually, when Jackie makes more choices. Waiting action and installation from **Jackie**. **Anita** will deliver extra frames to Jackie when we get original photos back.

Images of America Books: Available for sale at K of C Craft Sale, Town Manager's office and Historical Society. **Anita** will retrieve those at Library, since Library is no longer allowed to sell them for us.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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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. Crowne Trophy did not make the original, but has two vendors to consider. Can get kit for \$75 to refurbish ourselves-not a choice. Another vendor can have us send the original to be refurbished for \$.90 per square inch plus shipping (about \$175). Our choice is to have a new plaque made to be mounted on a new boulder after permission is obtained from Anheuser Busch (easier said than done). Cost would be over \$1000 plus shipping and installation. We have already allocated \$3000 for this purpose. **Lynne** will be visiting AB for something else, and will check on condition of monument and inquire about getting permission to repair/replace. No decision yet made on action on our part.

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.

McGaw Bridge: Will be replaced in 2015. We updated proposed wording for the green sign to be installed by the state. Anita responded to Kyle Fox for submission to the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at NHDHR.

Drone photography project: Ken Fothergill has started videotaping historic homes. No publicity yet, but will be extensive before being released. On hold.

**MEETING: Will not hold December meeting. Next one will be Jan. 26 at 7 PM.**