

Approved: May 8, 2017

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 24, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Anita Creager, Lon Woods, Sean Sylvester, Finlay Rothhaus.

REVIEW and APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES: Approved

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Still hoping for Ralph Gerenz to join.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historical Home Plaques:

Have approvals for 10. **Lon** will contact Frank Twardosky about 3 properties (10 Griffin, 3 and 5 Jennifer), **Finlay** will contact Matt Trotter (68 Joppa), **Anita** will contact Gilmer (7 Fuller Mill) and Robert Ward (150 Joppa). We will order plaque for 9 Harris (unoccupied) and seek permission to install it. **Anita** will also check on five other possibilities: 45 Turkey Hill, 47 Bedford, 401 DW, 135 Wilson Hill and 6 Manchester St. Hope to order them in Nov.

John Cromwell plaque replacement: Finlay and Lon had the monument delivered to Dave Brooks'. **Anita** will follow up with him on repairs. Will probably return to AB in Spring.

Photos for Memorial Room: **Lon and Finlay** will pursue getting the photos installed.

Welcome Signs: Dave Brooks has been authorized to make the signs using Ramsey Foundational font. Previous quote for maximum of \$3500 is acceptable and approved in March. **Finlay** will follow up with Kyle on measurements from center lines, so **Anita** can arrange to install.

K of C Craft fair Nov. 4-5 (Friday and Saturday) We are registered. Will need staff.

McGaw Bridge and Bean Road Bridges: McGaw Bridge getting close. Have hopes of getting original brass plaque mounted on a boulder on Chip Keller's property in addition to the sign the State plans to erect.

Town Flag: Sean has found little interest among the MHS students. Ideas: **Finlay** will check with Rotary Club, possible presentation at Library, possible on Jeanine Notter's cable TV show, newspapers and online publicity. Sean has been very busy, so not much action yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spaulding Foundation Preservation: Blake Bormuth has plans for his Eagle project for this. Will be short on time before his 18th birthday. Needs to present to Town Council and Boy Scout District.

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ONGOING PROJECTS:

Town Tour Brochures: Have printed over 5000 and still in demand. Cost being transferred to town from Heritage budget.

Possible new location for Historical Society:

Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round.

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: These projects probably on hold for 2017.

Relocation of ice house and corn crib : No action anticipated until Spring. **Ralph Gerenz** will view the corn crib.

Pynenburg home: **Sean** has talked with Dorothy Pynenburg, and will finalize plans to empty the building with volunteer help. **Anita and Finlay** will find volunteers. Sean's father can drive town truck to remove trash, while **Sean and Anita** evaluate the contents for historical purposes.

Litchfield Graveyards: Anita has visited all three Litchfield Graveyards and recorded graves. Stones and graves from old graveyard were moved to all three current ones. **Anita** will research whether any were from Merrimack. Steve Calawa, president of the Litchfield Society says he doesn't believe there were any. Their Society has no records- all are at their new Town Hall. Not feasible to have joint meeting until Spring.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ITEMS:

Have received major donation of Civil War items from Steve Closs. Will research values and most made available for sale in spring.

Next Meeting TBD. Current plans are for semi-monthly meetings on 4th Monday of month. Nov. and Dec. are both conflicting with holidays. Anita proposes next meeting on Dec. 12 (second Monday) and continuing with every second Monday. **Need email approval from members for this plan.**

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ACTION ITEMS:

Ralph: Submit letter of interest

See corn crib and determine current interest

Sean: Town flag; Design card with submission requirements and contact info.

Set deadline for submissions.

Design webpage

Investigate library program. Arrange to distribute at library

Create flyer for distribution in town's mass mailing in Dec.

Finalize plans for working at Pynenburg home.

**Lon: Contact Frank Twardosky about plaques for 10 Griffin St. and 3 and 5
Jennifer St.**

Arrange for installation of photos in Memorial Room.

Keep contact with Chip Keller on McGaw Bridge sign.

Finlay: Contact Matt Trotter about 68 Joppa Rd. plaque.

Work with Sean on flag items

Contact Kyle at DPW to determine Rt. 3 right of way for Welcome signs

Find volunteers for Pynenburg home.

Anita: Contact 7 old homeowners for plaques.

Follow up with Dave Brooks on status of Cromwell plaque.

Find volunteers for Pynenburg home.

Staff the K of C. Craft fair.

Research Litchfield/ Merrimack graves.

Set date for future meetings.