

Approved: August 29, 2016

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Lon Wood, Anita Creager, Finlay Rothhaus

REVIEW PAST NOTES: Done

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Have one full opening and three alternates. **We are in a critical situation.** Moving to every two months has not improved the attendance. We also have two members whose terms expire at the end of June: Lynne and Deb. Deb has notified us that she is not able to continue on the Commission. **Anita** will contact Lynne to determine her plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historical Home Plaques: Reviewed status. 19 letter sent out, only 5 have responded. Approved are: 20 Fuller Mill Rd, 11 Hadley, 9, 23, 25 and 27 Loop Rd. **Lon** will contact Frank Twardosky about 10 Griffin St, 3 and 5 Jennifer. **Finlay** will contact Matthew Trotter about 68 Joppa Rd. **Anita** will contact Pam Godfrey at 8 Harris Ave, Mark Cobleigh at 18 Hoyt St, Adam Gilmer at 7 Fuller Mill, Paul English at 5 Loop Rd, and John Moir at 11 Loop Rd. Others belong to banks etc. not able to contact. Hope to have plaques made for distribution this summer.

John Cromwell plaque replacement: **Finlay** will contact AB and John Brooks to determine action.

Photos for Memorial Room: Still not installed. **Anita** will contact Jackie Flood to determine status.

Wooden Stocks at Weston Park: **Lynne** has access to key to install information. She will contact DPW to see about moving stocks closer to graveyard.

Welcome Signs: Voted to continue having signs made. **Anita** will contact Dave Brooks. Decided to use as per previous vote. **Finlay** will contact DPW to see if Kyle can get more information on right of way at both North and South ends of town.

Relocation of ice house and corn crib : Lynne says ice house may need to be dismantled and rebuilt. **Anita** will continue with plans for space at Wasserman Park and moving the corn crib. This is on hold at this point.

K of C Craft fair in Nov. We are registered.

Participation in July 4th program booth and event: We will have a booth at which we will distribute Scavenger Hunt passports as well as a display. **Anita** will create passports, but insufficient time to distribute before July 4th. No prizes anticipated.

Boston Post Cane: **Finlay** will ask Chuck Mower about designing and creating 10 12-18" canes. These will be awarded to cane recipients to keep.

Town Tour Brochures: South Merrimack brochure is being designed and will be available for printing by June 24.

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ONGOING PROJECTS:

Possible new location for Historical Society:

Rev. Wright's House: Action doubtful. Have been denied permission to clean up landscaping or to photograph interior.

Fish Hatchery: Will probably be available in future. Action questionable.

Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round.

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

McGaw Bridge: 2016 . Under construction now.

Bean Road Bridge: 2016. Open soon???? State has inquired as to photos of original bridge. We are not able to provide. State will provide sign.

Preservation of Spalding foundation in Horse Hill. On hold. To be done as Eagle project probably in Fall.

Next Meeting will be Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 PM.