

Approved: July 10, 2012

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Finlay, Deb, Anita, Lexi, Lynne

**CALL TO ORDER:**7:05 PM

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL**of **MARCH MINUTES- APRIL MINUTES WERE NOT OFFICIAL:**March minutes not reviewed.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**Janice Brown notified Anita that she is submitting her resignation in writing, due to health problems.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Display Case:**New display expected to be submitted by Historical Society. Probable subject Merrimack District Schools.

**Portraits for Town Hall:**

**Canvases:**Janice has sent quote from Ritz Camera and Image for 5 24-36 canvas prints. Full cost is \$500. Anita will submit to Paul Micali and will proceed with order, when image files are received from Janice.

**Frames:** Anita will see that Finlay gets the frame samples to submit to Chuck Mower.

**Status of Mastricola Portraits:** Anita has not heard back from JoAnn Webman, the art teacher from MHS. She will contact the teacher again, but will wait for next year for the contest for James Mastricola's portrait.

**Dam Plaque and Sign:**Anita will contact Pennichuck to see status of sign. We have a source of posts for installation, and DPW (Adam) has indicated he will be able to install it.

**Chamberlain Bridge Sign:** Finlay presented the plans to the Town Council on May 10 and will return with further information for them June 14. Anita will contact Swenson's to determine status. Finlay reports that the quote is in Paul Micali's hands. Finlay met with Al (mason) about process of installation. Members will look at location to determine finally on which side of the bridge to install it. Anita will be further information to Finlay for his presentation.

**Seaverns Bridge Sign:**Anita has the two signs in her possession. Adam (DPW) has agreed to move the boulder from Lynda Tomasian's property to the site. Anita will contact Mark Rivet for advice on mounting it. Finlay may be able to help with getting it to someone to grind down the granite to make installation easier. It will be installed with both screws and epoxy.

**Town Tour Brochures:**Lexi is having health problems which have delayed finalizing the brochures. She and Deb will work over the summer on this project.

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**Historic Buildings Plaques:**Anita. Forty letters were sent out to property owners by Ruth Liberty last week. As of tonight, we have 10 responses, including three who have sent checks as donations. We will wait another month or so before ordering plaques. We do expect to have a ceremony to present them with appropriate publicity.

**Town Master Plan Committee:**Deb. No report. Final meeting will be held soon.

**Freedom's Way Committee:** Anita: Committee has been active and we are receiving their information.

**Cemeteries:**

**Turkey Hill project:** Holden Lambert's Eagle project straightening gravestones is scheduled for May 19. Some of our members plan to assist. May take more than one day. Another Scout plans to do same thing at Reeds Ferry and Thornton graveyards.

**HolidayCards:**Reviewed list of current and proposed photos. Will seek copies of old cards for Baboosic Brook, Gazebo, Town Hall, First Congregational Church, Library, Schoolhouse #12, Village Dam and Thomas More College. Lynne will submit newspaper article seeking these. Anita will provide photos of Turkey Hill Bridge, Clydesdales at Tomasians' and McGaw Normal Institute from Historical Society files. We need photos of Wheeler Chapel, Simonds' Rock, New Courthouse, Kids Cove Playground, Matthew Thornton Monument, Clydesdale Hamlet, Quarry Trail with Spring flowers. Lexi has Simonds' Rock and will go to Quarry Trail. Lexi, Lynne, Deb and Finlay will take photos of others. Other possibilities are VFW Building, PTA Kindergarten, Senior Center and Merrimack High School. Our goal is to have cards sent to print by September to be ready for various sale opportunities for holidays. Finlay will inquire with Mr. Brown at High School for printing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Display:** Deb has reserved space for us at the midway on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Lexi and Deb will work on May 26<sup>th</sup> to design and make a banner as part of a display. Hopefully, will have an easel with various projects and requests for volunteers for Commission. Anita can provide a canopy. Having the display manned would be beneficial, but doubt we will have personnel available.

**Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** June 11: 7PM in the Community Development Conference Room.