

Approved: June 22, 2015

MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 18, 2015
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Anita Creager, Lynne Wenz, Kristen Newhall, Finlay Rothhaus. Lon Woods called to say he hoped to make it. Deb Bult was absent.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review and approve March minutes.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Still have one full opening and three alternates. Lon Woods has indicated he plans to join as a full member.

FINANCIAL STATUS: We currently have \$ 22,900. Cost of printing the brochures was \$240. Have requested Kristen and Paul Micali to transfer costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Portraits and Frames for Town Hall. Priority #1: Ready for installation. Have met with Nicolas, who says he will work with Kyle to get them installed. Finlay will inquire about status at next meeting.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #2. Deb to send letters to potential owners for approval. No report as yet. If not complete by June meeting, Anita or Kristen will complete it.

John Cromwell plaque replacement. Priority #3. Lynne has made a copy of the 1657 map showing John Cromwell's trading post, which has been framed and given to Anheuser Busch to display. Finlay will try a contact at AB to get permission to remove the rock with the plaque. Anita will then arrange to store it at DPW while we determine if it can be refurbished or whether we will need to replace it.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Brick in memory of James Ferguson has been approved at no cost to us. Findlay will inquire as to whether a more extensive memorial might be possible, since Ferguson and Fraser were the only two Merrimack residents who died in WW I.

Photos for Memorial Room: Photos still not installed. Jackie Flood has obtained identification signs and installation. She still has \$90 remaining in her budget for this project.

WW II Memorial- Eagle Scout project- Hayden Faust. Will hold a dedication on Memorial Day at 3 PM at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Town Tour Brochures: They are now alive and well on the town's website. Anita and Kristen have printed and folded 1500. Anita will create signs and work toward making them available at the Historical Society, the Library and the Town Clerk's office. Will also distribute to 4th grade teachers and to MHS history teachers.

Wooden Stocks at Weston Park: Lynne. Findlay will ask his wife for information on this project with took place during the 250th anniversary. If the stocks are to remain, they should be recognized with sign etc. so they will be understood. Also look into having a historical highway sign placed at upper Weston Park to inform people of the reason for the location.

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ONGOING PROJECTS:

Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round. Have registered for a booth at the K of C. Craft Fair. Expect to take part in Business Expo as well.

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Both projects involved in plans for repairs on Chamberlain Bridge and installation of trail under bridge. Dam sign is located in Town Manager's office. The sidewalk and trail project is now schedule for 2016 through a State grant. Town Center committee working on signage along the river trail from Wildcat Falls to Watson Park, going under the DW Highway.

McGaw Bridge: Will be replaced in 2015 with approved signage by State. Work should start soon.

Drone photography project: Ken Fothergill. On hold.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Consideration of finding central location for Historical Society. Finlay will try to find contact at Flatley Corp. to inquire about the past Fish Hatchery property. Lynne has requested a "Member Comments" section to future agendas.

MEETING: PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting June 22. This is the Fourth Monday of the month. May consider another location.