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MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
Aug. 24, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Lon Woods, Lynne Wenz, Anita Creager, Finlay Rothhaus

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved June minutes

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Have one full opening and three alternates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Portraits and Frames for Town Hall. Priority #1: Complete.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #2. Letters have been sent out. Have five responses and two incorrect mailings. **Anita** will follow up on those. **Lynne** will contact Bernier on Fuller Mill Rd. We will get plaques made when we have sufficient orders. One has sent donation check for \$30.

John Cromwell plaque replacement. Priority #3. **Anita** will follow up with Dave Brooks and Anheuser Busch. about picking up and storing it at Brooks' location while we decide with his advice, whether to repair/replace and arrange to more suitable mounting. **Finlay** has volunteered to assist as needed. **Lon** will remind Finlay.

Photos for Memorial Room: Priority #4. Photos still not installed. This is Jackie Flood's project.

Wooden Stocks at Weston Park: Priority #5. No further information on past history. **Lynne** will write up information to be placed on the kiosk at Weston Park.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Brick in memory of James Ferguson has been approved at no cost to us. **Anita** will request to be on the agenda for a Town Council meeting to determine status. 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. Waiting response.

Possible new location for Historical Society: **Finlay** is looking for contact at Flatley Corp to inquire about past Fish Hatchery property. **Anita** will continue to attempt contact with the Manchester YMCA regarding Rev. Wright's home.

Business Expo and K of C Craft Fair: Have registered for both. Need to staff them.

Historical Society update: Holding yard sale Aug. 29. **Anita** will meet with Paul Micali to review budget and audit.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Town Tour Brochures: They are now alive and well on the town's website. They are available at Town Hall, the Library and the Historical Society. Have been distributed elsewhere as well. About 300 already distributed.

Greeting Cards: Available for sale year-round.

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 scheduled for 2016

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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 2016 with approved signage by State. Work should start soon.

Drone photography project: Ken Fothergill. On hold.

MEMBER COMMENTS: **Lynne** suggested an update on the “Welcome” signs at the northern and southern entrances to Merrimack. The present signs are in poor condition. Agreed. **Anita** will investigate possibilities of granite signs. Will ask Dave Brooks and inquire about interest from the Chamber of Commerce, which erected the old signs. New director may generate interest there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 21.