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MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Oct. 27, 2014, 2014

7:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Anita, Lon, Kristen. Deb by phone. Lynne unable to attend.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** September minutes approved.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:** Still have one full opening and three alternates.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Portraits and Frames for Town Hall. This is priority #1. Kristen has a quote for \$89.99 each for four 18 x 24" canvases from Fed Ex. Total is \$359.96. **Anita** will get electronic copy of Masticola portrait to **Kristen**, who will then order the four canvases. **Anita** will bring the Nathan Parker portrait to Nicholas Lavallee Tuesday to be mounted on the back wall of the Thornton room.

Greeting cards: Priority #2. Cards have arrived and are ready for sale.

Historical Home Plaques: Priority #3. **Anita** will finalize the list of owners and addresses and letterheads for **Kristen** to write letters to obtain further information and interest in the plaques.

Town Tour Brochures: Priority #4. Plan to print in Spring. Will cost \$.16 each to do at Town Hall. Will determine then how many to print. **Anita** will submit electronic copies to Chuck Miller to put on town website.

Fraser Square Monument Status: Lon informed us that Paul Micali is the one to contact. Dave Spence is no longer in the picture. **Anita** has information on James Ferguson to submit for the "brick". Question who is eligible to have a brick in the monument. **Anita** to ask Micali.

WW II Memorial- Eagle Scout project- Hayden Faust. Has been approved and work has begun. Hopes to complete by Memorial Day.

Photos for Memorial Room- Photos have been mounted and framed. Waiting for installation. **Lon** will inquire about how to get this accomplished. **Anita** will contact Jackie Flood to get the original photos returned to the Historical Society. Will probably have about 20 portraits eventually, when Jackie makes more choices.

Images of America Books: Available for sale at K of C Craft Sale, Town Manager's office and Historical Society.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Cromwell plaque replacement. Reviewed photos of plaque located at Anheuser Busch. It was mounted flat to ground, and has deteriorated with weather. Crowne Trophy did not make the original, but has two vendors to consider. Can get kit for \$75 to refurbish ourselves-not a choice. Another vendor can have us send the original to be refurbished for \$.90 per square inch plus shipping (about \$175). Our choice is to have a new plaque made to be mounted on a new boulder after permission is obtained from Anheuser Busch (easier said than done). Cost would be over \$1000 plus shipping

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and installation. We have already allocated \$3000 for this purpose. **Anita** will begin process of permission to install before the garden season next spring at AB.

Drone photography project: Ken Fothergill has started videotaping historic homes. No publicity yet, but will be extensive before being released. .

Location of our files: File cabinets have been moved to Community Development conference room. **Anita** to review, since they have been rearranged in move.

#### **ONGOING PROJECTS:**

Dam History and Chamberlain Bridge Sign: Both projects involved in 2015 plans for repairs on Chamberlain Bridge and installation of trail under bridge. Dam sign is located in Town Manager's office.

McGaw Bridge: Will be replaced in 2015. We reviewed proposed wording for the green sign to be installed by the state. Wording proposed by consultant: "McGaw Bridge, Town of Merrimack. Built in 1915 in an effort to create more permanent bridges along New Hampshire's trunk lines, McGaw Bridge was one of the oldest standing Jack Arch bridges when it was replaced in 2015. Before 1933, McGaw Bridge Road was part of the original ***Boston to Concord River Road***- now the Daniel Webster Highway. The original McGaw Bridge was designed by State Highway Engineer and NH native F.H. Colburn (1888-1953) and the engineering firm Storrs & Storrs and built by United Construction Company of Albany, NY. The original bridge spanned 30 feet and was approximately 31 feet wide." The Commission feels that the ***italicized*** wording should be added. **Anita** will respond to Kyle Fox for submission to the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at NHDHR.

**NEXT MEETING: November 24. Lon will not be present, but will arrange for access to the meeting room.**