MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION **DRAFT MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Anita Creager, Ralph Gerenz, Lon Woods (by phone). Guest: Chip(Edward) Pollard. Absent: Finlay Rothhaus

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October and December approved. Much discussion of past issues to familiarize Chip with them.

MEMBERSHIP Sean expires in June 2018. Chip has applied and is waiting an interview and acceptance. He will be a valuable addition to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Welcome signs: Granite signs installed. New welcome signs on order.

Historical Home Plaques: Status. Signs have arrived. Will request Town Council to schedule time to present them at a meeting, preferably in on March 8. We will then arrange in install them ourselves to assure it gets done. The locations are at:

3 Jennifer St.

10 Griffin St.

68 Joppa Rd.

150 Joppa Rd.

9 Harris St.

45 Turkey Hill Rd.

7 Fuller Mill Rd.

20 Fuller Mill Rd.

11 Hadley St.

5 Loop Rd.

9 Loop Rd.

11 Loop Rd.

23 Loop Rd.

25 Loop Rd.

27 Loop Rd.

401 Daniel Webster Highway

ONGOING:

Corn Crib: Ralph will contact Wade Parks, who has the crib located on his property. Chip offered to assist if needed, since he knows Wade. Hope to install it at Wasserman Park.

Dam/History/Trail/Chamberlain Bridge sign: No current activity. On hold until town can act on construction at site.

<u>Hall Roof Slates</u>; Ralph will pick up sample at Historical Society to investigate potential for adding town seal to slates and make them available for sale by the Society.

<u>Upham Road development:</u> Assured that Mill site will not be destroyed. We have no control over it, but plan to visit the site (field trip) in the Spring.

Old King's Highway: Chip has done much research on the situation near Cramer Hill and Greenleaf Streets. Early deeds from the 1970's specify that the Old King's Highway must remain where it is, and that access to it cannot be denied. Chip will be taking the lead on our actions involving this situation with the Planning Board and Community Development.

Question is on enforcement, since our Commission has no power.

Further discussion on other OKH locations and research to be done. Field trips planned.

Spaulding Foundation status: Complete

<u>Thornton's Ferry/ Sklar Park:</u> No further action. We will be involved with subcommittee to make plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual report due this week. Approved. Anita will submit.

OPEN COMMENT:

NEXT MEETING: March 12. Possibly sooner if we have need.