

HERITAGE COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, October 14, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Community Development conference room

ATTENDANCE :

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES:

MEMBERSHIP: Still seeking one full member and 3 alternates. Anticipate Marc Nozell's application.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Home Signs: Anita and Ralph working to determine which homes currently have signs. Updated list attached.

Simon's Rock: Anita and Barbara. Barbara talked with Eileen Cabernal and learned that the town's lawyer agrees that Pennichuck is not liable for anyone being injured on the property. Barbara will ask Eileen to have our lawyer reach out to Pennichuck's lawyer to get agreement, so we can continue with plans to publicize the Rock and improve public access.

Hazen Site: Chip to get photos from water access at Lynda Tomasian's. Suggestion as to use of aerial photography via drones.

Old King's Highway status: Gigi and Chip will work together to determine what information we have and expand it. Anita will contact the Zoning Commission to determine their responsibility with this. It is understood that access to the trail must be permitted by the owner if it is identified on the deed. Our hope is still to provide signage at access points, once we have a useable map with what we have determined is/was the route. Design for sign?

Original old schoolhouse and fire station signs. Anita will provide locations where signs to be erected and attempt to get permission to post them on any private properties involved.

Website: Becky Thompson is the person to update the Heritage Commission website, but we must provide the input for this. Topic suggestions include: Stone walls, barns, OKH locations, Old home signs, updates of Village brochures, district schools, locations of fire and police stations.

Stone walls: Anita has acquired two large town maps to trace locations of old stone walls. The state website, GRANIT, has a stone wall mapper link, which has many entries for Merrimack. Anita has entered data from previous contributors, and has obtained another map to finalize and then search for more. Once it is complete, Anita will submit the final copy to Kyle to produce a map with public access.

Old Tree list: We reviewed the listing of state and county "Champion Trees" listed by UNH. Anita will seek to understand the meanings of the headings and ID #'s. (Points, CBH, VH, ACS). There are three trees listed in Merrimack: Common shagbark #496, Eastern Redcedar #433 and American Sycamore #434. Anita visited the property and Sycamore tree at 33 Seaverns Bridge Rd, but unable to meet with Jacqueline Patten, the owner. Will continue.

Old Barn Listing: None exists that we know of, although we understand one was suggested.

BAE deed review. Gigi is working on locating past properties involved with use of map showing deeds with emphasis on the Blanchard/Bowers historic properties.

John Wheeler portrait. Anita has acquired a plate to identify the portrait. Anita has taken plate to Becky Thompson to have it installed.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Sklar property – No further information. Anita will pursue with Conservation Commission. Subcommittee has not yet been activated.

Old Blood and Grater Roads: Dates to walk? In future.

Scavenger Hunt: Anita has prepared list of past and potential sites, but will not be able to get the hunt prepared for this season.

Next meeting: October 14 This is Columbus Day weekend. Town Hall will be open that day.