

HERITAGE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

June 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Gerenz, Anita Creager, Chip Pollard, Lon Woods

ABSENT: Liaison Finlay Rothhaus

MINUTES: Review March and May meeting minutes. Approved with Lon Woods abstaining.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Waiting assignment of liaison from Town Council

Stress need to increase our membership. **Each** will invite a potential member. Chip has one in mind. **Anita** will change ad on cable TV station.

Chip has renewed his membership for 3 years-waiting approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Welcome signs installation- Completed on June 6. Looking great.

Old Home Signs- three already distributed. **Chip** has the remaining ones and will contact Ralph and Lon to divide the duties to install them.

Old King's Highway walk- First walk from Boston Post Rd. to Eric Drive done on Monday, April 14, led by Chip. Need to set date for remainder. Have photos along the route and will coordinate all 3 sets. Right of way is 33 feet. **Chip** will try to get maps and deeds pre-1973 to trace entire highway. **-Anita** will try to locate plans for previous OKH signs.

Hazen property walk- Mill site is protected by river restrictions. We are not allowed land access. Water access?? **Chip** will attempt to get photos from other side of river.

Grater Road and Old Blood Road plans. **Chip** will lead us on a visit to the location of Old Blood Road, which is overgrown with trees from Middle School through to Baboosic Lake Rd. He has contacted Conservation Commission member, who told him it is possible to clear trees on the road site. **We** may do this ourselves, after Chip marks the locations, since Boy Scouts cannot use the power tools needed. Hope to get this done during summer. More work on this trail/road could be done as an Eagle Scout project.

Simond's/Symond's Rock status- Chip visited site to determine if it is still there. Anita has researched and gotten copies of old maps and notes from past Planning Board meetings, which show there has never been anything showing to protect it. Community Development suggests contacting State to determine how to proceed. **Lon** will inquire with Tim Thompson to see how to do this.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Other signs: Schoolhouse sites, old firehouses, Village locations, Class 6 roads, other properties. No action at this time.

Facebook page and other communications. **Anita** will check on whether we have a Facebook page for the Commission. Also need a website for the Commission, which will require an email address.

Thornton's Ferry/Sklar park plans- Now an Ongoing business item.- no activity yet.

Letter to winner of lottery- Anita wrote letter to legal team and hoping for reply. Not expected in near future. We are hoping to create a trust fund for preservation and maintenance of historical properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

July 4th plans. We will have a shared booth with the Historical Society for sales and education.

Theme of booth display will be Merrimack's Library. **Ralph** will help **Anita** with set up. Remaining staff will come from Historical Society. Lon and Chip not available.

Scavenger Hunt. Hope to have another scavenger hunt in the Fall. Possibly on a specific date.

Franklin Savings Bank Grant. The Historical Society has been invited to apply for a community grant up to \$15,000 for historical use by a non-profit organization. We had a discussion about this to include the potential for eventual trust fund from lottery winner to the Heritage Commission. In that case, it might be possible to acquire historical property and rehabilitate for use by the town for use as a headquarters for the Historical Society. A grant could then be requested from the FSB for cost of moving Schoolhouse #12 to that site as well.

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2018

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