

HERITAGE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

November 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE : Gigi Jennings, Chip Pollard, Anita Creager. This forms a quorum.

Also Present: Barbara Healey, liaison. Absent: Ralph Gerenz

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES: Approved

MEMBERSHIP: Still seeking one full member and 3 alternates

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Home Signs : Updated list almost complete. Just a seven to check on. Anita will finish list. At future time will decide next action. May send letters to those our records show have signs.

Simon's Rock: Anita and Barbara . Barbara reports that Eileen has asked the two lawyers to review status. No reply yet.

Hazen Mill Site: Anita has gotten Google photos and some camera photos from across river. Will continue with plans to get drone photos and in-person from adjacent property.

Old King's Highway status: Gigi and Chip will work together to determine what information we have and expand it in the spring. Anita is waiting to hear from Kyle Fox as to who to contact regarding responsibility, regulations and enforcement. We will each provide ideas for signage for next meeting.

Original old schoolhouse and fire station signs. Reviewed locations along with discussion.

Website: Topic suggestions include: Stone walls, barns, OKH locations, Old home signs, updates of Village brochures, district schools, locations of fire, police stations and articles submitted to newspapers . Anita has submitted newspaper articles to inclusion.

Graveyards: Discussion on data available and procedures for gravestone cleaning. Hope to form group to clean in spring.

Stone walls: Anita has entered some data from website. Barbara has researched more from website and in person. She will enter her data on one of the maps. Each of us will continue research and enter on the map in different colors. Ralph to review walls on and near his property. Gigi to review area east of DW Highway in Reeds Ferry area including walls around graveyard. Anita to review data from Kurt Conrad and Aaron Stark as well as near Meetinghouse Graveyard. John Lastowka will walk the area near Horse Hill with her.

REMAINDER OF AGENDA NOT ADDRESSED:

Old Tree list: Ralph to review the listing of state and county "Champion Trees" listed by UNH 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. Ralph will seek access to more details on locations.

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.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Sklar property –

Old Blood and Grater Roads:

Scavenger Hunt: Anita has prepared list of past and 12 potential sites for use in the future.

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

Next meeting: December 9

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