

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 10, 2020

ATTENDANCE : Anita Creager, Ralph Gerenz, Gigi Jennings.

ABSENT: Chip Pollock (ill) and liaison Barbara Healey

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER and DECEMBER MINUTES- not done. January meeting cancelled due to Weather and rescheduled to Feb. 10

MEMBERSHIP: Still seeking one full member and 3 alternates

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report to the Town Council submitted along with plaque listing for Town records.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Home Signs : List complete. At future time will decide next action. May send letters to those our records show have signs.

Simon's Rock: No reply from legal dept. yet.

Hazen Mill Site: Anita will continue with efforts to get drone and in-person photos from adjacent property.

Old King's Highway status: Anita spoke with Kyle Fox today as to who to contact regarding responsibility, regulations and enforcement. Will have Chip Pollock contact Dawn, Town Engineer regarding locations under consideration. Then need to contact Town Lawyers. Police Dept. is the enforcer.

Original old schoolhouse and fire station signs. Anita will contact town to learn source of signs being used at Watson Park and McGaw Bridge. Hope to design one with photo of building, school from information. " And wording: "SCHOOLHOUSE Number "X". Located near/at this site. Served as (dates). Provided by Merrimack Heritage Commission. Contact for further information. "

Website: Various topics being submitted for inclusion. 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. These articles are being submitted monthly and included in website. Recently sent #17. Gigi suggested creating an interactive historical map.

Graveyards: Hope to form group to clean at Turkey Hill Graveyard in spring. Doing research on preservation of slate stone edges.

Stone walls: Barbara. Not present, but reports she is actively adding data to map.

Old Tree list: Ralph has data on the three trees from Merrimack on the listing of state and county "Champion Trees" listed by UNH.; Any information will be kept private but in our files.

BAE deed review. Gigi continues 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 : March 9

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