

HVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Minutes, Thursday, March 23, 2012, James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting**

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Dick Ekwall, Scott Moody, Wayne Fortier

Excused Absence: Don Robinson

Public Attendance: Robert Fillion

***Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

***A motion was made to accept the minutes for January meeting made by Dick Ekwall. Seconded by Wayne Fortier. Motion passed unanimously.**

***Treasury report: The current balance in the checking account is approximately \$2,918.67 (does not include accrued interest)**

***Granite Memory Block Report from Jim Hobbs:**

- **Have enough blocks to do 3 rows and we need to determine where the memory blocks will be located in Railroad Park. One potential spot would be along a path leading to a deck (to be built) overlooking the No Man's Island marker.**

***Caboose Report from Dick Ekwall:**

- **The caboose was recently vandalized with a brick thrown threw one of the windows. The window has since been repaired.**
- **Dick Ekwall is working on putting back on the ladders.**
- **Discussion of the ownership over the caboose and possible relocation by old trestle.**

***Hazen report from Jim Hobbs**

- **Had a workday on Tuesday, March 27, that included the removal of 10 to 15 trees around the foundation.**
- **Potential excavation of the old brick over the root cellar on Sunday, April 1.**
- **Purchased 100 Butternut trees to be resold at \$20 apiece as a fundraiser. Folks can keep the trees for personal use or request they be planted at Hazen Park.**
- **Purchased 15 Giant Lillies to be planted near the foundation.**
- **Opportunity to obtain Lupins from a resident in Sugarhill to plant along the river shore. Will need into purchasing a water pump to keep the plantings watered.**

***A motion was made to dedicate 1,500 from the Treasury to pay for work on Hazen Park made by Dick Ekwall. Seconded by Wayne Fortier. Motion passed unanimously.**

***A motion was made to dedicate the \$600 Town allotment from the Treasury to pay for Hazen Park plants, etc. was made by Dick Ekwall. Seconded by Wayne Fortier. Motion passed unanimously.**

***The letter of inquiry to the mortgage holder of the Henderson Block in regards to donation of the building to the Haverhill Heritage Commission was discussed again. Before mailing, the letter will be vetted by the Town Manager (Glen English) via Jim Hobbs, the town attorney via Wayne Fortier and the Chairman of the Woodsville Precinct (Dick Guy) via Scott Moody.**

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***Jim Hobbs turned the floor over to Robert Fillion, even after the meeting had progressed past scheduled adjourning time of 8:00 pm, and before the chairman's full agenda had been discussed. Jim Hobbs politely asked Robert Fillion to condense his talk to 5 minutes which began at 8:15 pm.**

***Robert Fillion acknowledged receiving, via registered mail, the documents that Jim Hobbs had sent to him after the last meeting. The document in question was a letter by Robert Fillion, dated January 28, 2009 [erroneously], and titled "Grant for a Haverhill heritage museum." Robert Fillion inquired why it took so long to find the letter and Jim Hobbs responded that the date on the letter was incorrect and had been misfiled based on the erroneous date. After over 15 minutes Robert Fillion refused to yield at his allotted time at which point Jim Hobbs called for a motion to adjourn. Robert Fillion continued talking into his tape recorder even after most members had left the room. Mr. Fillion also accused the chairman of creating a long agenda solely for the purpose of eliminating his (Fillion's) time to speak; even though he was being allowed to speak while making the accusation.**

The next meeting of the Haverhill Heritage Commission is scheduled for April 26, 2012

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Fortier and seconded by Scott Moody. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Moody, Secretary Pro Tem and Treasurer