

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, April 29, 2010 – James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Dick Ekwall, Wayne Fortier, Karen Griswold, Bruce Simonds and Wendy Monninger (guest) Absent: Duane Baxter, Carolyn Byrne

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

...Jim stated that Bob Clifford has resigned from the Commission. Bob will send a formal resignation letter.

...The minutes of the March 25th meeting of the Commission were approved as written.

Wendy Monninger introduced herself as a student at Plymouth State University working on a postgraduate certificate in Historical Preservation. She would be able to teach social studies but thinks she would like to be a building inspector. She is very interested in historical preservation.

Comments from Jim Hobbs follow:

- **There is \$4676.90 in the treasury.**
- **Memory block applications given to Dick to take to the Model Railroad show**
- **Duane will be back soon and will get into an advertising campaign to sell the granite blocks and bricks. They will do some direct mail and also get the members of the Commission to handout information. Jim will also get on to classmates.com to reach the alumni of Woodsville High School. Jim will do this instead of Carolyn and Karen. He will also do newspaper and radio ads.**
- **He stated he had put in the stakes to round the corner at the Hazen site.**
- **The Haverhill town website now has a hot link to the Haverhill Heritage Commission.**
- **The weed whacker to use on the Hazen site is being repaired.**
- **EZ Steel welded the steps on to the caboose and donated their time. Jim will write an article and include their name to give them some publicity.**
- **The Armour cars will cost \$6-\$7,000 to move so Jim wants to forget about the project for now. He will tell the Ingalls that the Commission is not interested at this time because of the cost.**
- **A week from Tuesday, May 11, is a workday for the caboose. It will begin around 11 am and members are urged to help. He states that he has been advised that the siding should be fir or spruce, not poplar. Budget Lumber may donate the siding and Duane Baxter's brother will mill it.**
- **Sara Caven will be at the next Heritage Commission meeting on May 27. If anyone on the Commission has questions for her, please get them to Jim before then. Sara will design a warrant from our plans for Hazen Park.**
- **In the future, Jim will make a list of articles and drafts to vote on. They will be mentioned in the minutes and posted on the website.**
- **Jim said Duane is hopeful to get an intern program to help the Commission and has met with the history teacher at Woodsville High School, to choose 2 juniors and 2 seniors.**

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- **Jim wonders about getting volunteer members – those who have interest but can't get to every meeting.**
- **He has not yet reached Paul Knox again.**
- **A survey is included in the packet handed out tonight – Jim would like everyone to fill it out and get it to him prior to the next meeting.**

---A discussion followed concerning the caboose. Dick feels the color should be a reddish orange, not just a plain red caboose color. Karen agreed. Bob Simonds asked about the logo and Dick said it was a green maple leaf with CVR inside. He will try to get a stencil. Dick also stated that the boards are flat. Jim suggested we buy the paint from Budget Lumber if they are donating the wood to us. Dick said we will need to put on a new roof. Jim stated we need to get the caboose painted soon and has the names of some volunteers who will help.

---Jim noted that the Hobo Railroad had some trucks that they sold and Duane is trying to find out who has them now so he may be able to get them for us.

---Jim also stated that the town is trying to get a right of way to Railroad Park to the right of the garage and Glenn has written to the owner of the property. That would be very convenient if it could be done. If so the caboose will have to be moved about 10 feet closer to the depot.

---Dick stated that we really need some Plexiglas to cover the ladders so they can remain up on the caboose but not so anyone can climb them. Discussion on design followed.

---Jim ran over the design of the Hazen Park for the benefit of Wendy Monninger and Wayne Fortier.

---A discussion followed on the number 1 priority for the site that is a road to get into the site – and right of way for such. Wayne Fortier suggested selling the loam, selling wood if trees were cut and getting gravel in.

---Bruce Simonds brought up the fact that hunters are there in the late fall and the area is stocked and released with pheasant that often head up from the cornfields into the Hazen site. The Hazen site might have to become a safety zone as Oct & Nov. are about the only months we are able to work there.

With no further business to be discussed, Bruce Simonds moved we adjourn. This was seconded by Dick Ekwall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Griswold, Secretary