

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes – Thursday, June 25, 2009

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Carolyn Byrne, Shirley Cobb, Dick Ekwall, and Karen Griswold

Absent: Duane Baxter, Robert Clifford, Peter Heilemann, Bruce Simonds

Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jim showed us an article from the Caledonian Record (June 23, 2009) that was written by Sally Cook. He was displeased with the article because he had asked the reporter not to put in a picture of a caboose, and she did so. He wanted a photo of the kiosk shown instead. Jim emailed the journalist with his reasons for not liking the article and asked Commission members to cc him if they had any dealings with other reporters AND, IN THE FUTURE, we need to see a proof of the article before it is published.

Jim then stated that he wants to appoint Duane Baxter as a project coordinator for anyone on the Commission who is directing a specific project, i.e. Dick Ekwall who is going to get the caboose.

Jim stated that he thinks there is a caboose, hand pump car and two or three trucks in West Paris, Maine. He has the name of someone up there to talk to. Dick Ekwall stated that he and Carol will be going to Maine soon and could check it out. Jim gave Dick the address.

Dick told the group that there is a Fitchburg 72 foot baggage car near Bellows Falls that is free. It would have to be hauled over land. Shirley Cobb asked what it would cost to move the car. Dick said he would check on the cost.

Jim showed us samples of a brick and a piece of granite that had been engraved by Gandin Bros. The bricks and the granite would be sold to raise money for the Railroad Park. The cost of the brick is \$75, and \$125 for the granite. Up to 15 spaces can be used for engraving. Jim hopes to put ads in all the papers and also try to sell some at the 4th of July celebration in Woodsville. The motto will be..."Let's build a better village ---buy a brick!" He asked that members of the Heritage Commission let him know soon if they do not want their phone numbers listed in the papers as contacts to reach to buy a brick. He will make forms for anyone that will sell the bricks. Karen Griswold stated that she would be away so not to put her phone number down.

Jim asked for suggestions concerning the dedication of the kiosk. He will give Tom Mayo his check at that time. Carolyn Byrne asked about a plaque being installed to show who was the designer and the builder. Shirley Cobb said the kiosk was designed by Josh Newton, Woodsville High School class of 2008

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Shirley Cobb then showed the Commission members an article from the Journal Opinion by Ed Ballam stating that Tom Mayo had donated the kiosk to Railroad Park – another error in journalism.

Jim thinks that August would be a good time to dedicate the kiosk. The Commission will decide on the specific date at the next meeting.

Jim wants to check on how to get money from the Winifred Moran fund to beautify the Railroad Park. Shirley told him to write a letter to Jim Graham at Woodsville Guaranty.

Jim stated that there will be a combined meeting of the Haverhill Heritage Commission and the Recreation Commission early in July. He will check on the date and let members know.

Jim told everyone that the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge petit point had been won buy John Cobb.

A discussion followed re. the signpost near the ice cream place in Woodsville. It seems no one is sure if the sign is still with the 8 foot cement post or not. If not, Dick Ekwall could copy what is in a photo he has, and make a new one. Shirley stated that the Haverhill Historical Society has a railroad crossing sign and Dick has the Oliverian station sign.

Dick Ekwall again brought up saving the remains of the Pike Mill and said it could be used as a small museum or place to have a picnic. Jim wondered if there would be some sort of personal income tax exemption for the present owner if he donates the building.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Haverhill Heritage Commission will be on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

The minutes of the May 28, 2009 meeting of the Commission were approved as published by Carolyn Byrne and seconded by Dick Ekwall.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Griswold, Secretary