

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, July 26, 2012

James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Wayne Fortier, Dick Ekwall

Absent: Scott Moody

Excused Absence: Don Robinson

Public Attendance: Robert Fillion

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

***** Review of the last minutes was tabled until next meeting. May and June meetings were cancelled as members were either away or had other obligations.**

***** Treasury report: The current balance in the checking account is \$2,273.27**

There is an amount of \$105.00 to be deposited.

\$80.00 in butternut tree sales

\$25.00 donation

***** Caboose Report from Dick Ekwall:**

Dick is looking into the prospect of purchasing trucks for the present caboose. However he feels the caboose he is looking at is easily worth restoring. Other discussions were about having more than one caboose on display. All members seem in favor of 3-4 eventually! Hobbs requested that one, at least be a B&M. Hobbs also stated that we should start a campaign for raising funds for railroad acquisitions, so that we would have funds to work with as the present funds are obligated for other projects.

Dick stated E-Z steel has offered to donate some metal work which would finish the exterior of the present caboose. Dick also brought up the fact that there is a railroad signal pole on Maple street. Hobbs said he has looked at it and is seeking information about it.

Jim asked Dick to propose to the Haverhill Heritage Society that they expand their interests outside of Haverhill Corner to include possibly contributing to the purchase of caboose trucks and to the Hazen Park project. Hobbs stated that historical sites outside the corner, such as all railroad depots, Pike dated chimney, Pike Manor, Opera House in Woodsville, Hazen site, Grafton County Court House and the B&M roundhouse, have all been ignored.

***** Hazen report.**

Jim received an email from Laurel L. Brown, Community Relations Manager for PSNH Western / Central Division seeking information as to or activities. Laurel made a visit here and Jim took her on a tour of the Hazen site. At the conclusion Laurel stated PSNH would purchase one memory block and 2 butternut trees. She will, also, put us in for a grant for both 2012 and 2013.

Two trees have fallen during storms. One has been removed, the other in process. A large amount of brush is starting to become a problem. Hobbs is communicating with Patten Gas as to the acquisition of a chipper.

The flower garden is progressing well and many plants are in bloom. Green Thumb donated a truckload of mulch. Tim Clough donated repairs on the mower, Mountain Milk donated water during the past dry period.

The irrigation system is about ready to be installed. More picnic areas and walking paths are being cleared. Chuck Herrick and E-Z Steel are building a harrow for land leveling.

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***** Chr. Hobbs issued a statement which he requested be added to the minutes. It concerned recent allocations that he is in the commission only to sell pictures to them. The statement had a date change which was witnessed by commission members as the original was dated for a previous meeting which was canceled.**

..... *On May 16th and 17th, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am, I, James Hobbs conducted a “Walking Tour” of downtown Woodsville, NH. The tour was for the freshman history class of Woodsville High school. It was sponsored by private businesses, including White Mountain Trader. 35 booklets depicting various buildings along the way were given to the school to be used as an ongoing project. I was approached, personally, at my business location, by the school.*

The tour started at the steel arch bridge and ended at the parish house.

I donated my time to produce the books and do the tours.

This was a private enterprise, with absolutely no affiliation with HHC.

No discussions, suggestions, authorizations, permissions, or directions were asked for or offered by HHC and no HHC funds were used.

I am, as a resident and businessman in Haverhill, in the process of developing an expanded tour, which I plan to offer starting in mid July. Again, this is a private enterprise and is not affiliated, in any way, with my association with the Haverhill Heritage Commission.

I ask that this be placed in the Haverhill Heritage Commission files as an attachment to the minutes of 05-31-2012. signed James E. Hobbs

***** Hobbs presented drawings for the marker that could be placed on No Man’s Island, signifying all four towns the border at that spot. He will look into an estimate for its construction and present it to the members at a later meeting. Dr. John Bagonzi owns the island and has given us permission to make this marker for the northwest corner of Haverhill.**

***** Hobbs presented a picture for the files of a Dr. Webster, from North Haverhill, in 1893. Jim is looking for information about the doctor.**

**Wayne stated as there were no speakers listed on the agenda that we adjourn.
Motion by Wayne, second by Dick and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p. m.**

Jim Hobbs, acting secretary.