

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, August 27, 2009

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Carolyn Byrne, Shirley Cobb, Bruce Simonds, Dick Ekwall and Duane Baxter

Absent: Robert Clifford, Karen Griswold and Peter Heilemann

Chairman Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

A motion was made by Carolyn Byrne and seconded by Shirley Cobb to accept minutes of the last meeting as published. All present were in favor.

Jim Hobbs said the treasury report was the same as last meeting. He stated that he has \$125.00 for a memorial stone for COP Alfred A. Lamarre, but hasn't deposited it yet.

Discussion of the Kiosk project: Shirley Cobb stated that she was unsuccessful in contacting Josh Newton, the kiosk designer. She will continue to try. Jim Hobbs has ordered the plaque and it is at the engravers. The engraving will say Railroad Park Kiosk "Designed by John Newton and built by Tom Mayo, with funds provided by the Haverhill Heritage Commission". The dedication will be held during the concert intermission on September 18th, at 6:30pm. Jim Hobbs suggested we run an ad announcing the dedication in the local paper. All agreed. Jim will facilitate. Jim asked who should be invited to the dedication. Names were suggested by several members. Lois Henson will make the presentation. Shirley Cobb will send a note to the invitees. Jim Hobbs will ask TM English to place an ad and ask Bernie Marvin to represent the press. Shirley Cobb will check on (30) chairs for the band by calling Glen Hatch.

Duane Baxter reported on his progress with the salvage company in Lisbon in removing the two train cars at the Armour siding. The salvage company has seen the cars and stated that there was not enough metal for them to dismantle the cars. However, he wanted to show the cars to the owners of the Clark Railroad. It is my belief that he will eventually dismantle the cars for the trucks on one car. I will follow up with him next week.

Jim Hobbs stated he had called Glenn English about the caboose delivery date but had not received a reply, as yet. Jim will continue to pursue this with Glenn and notify members when that info is available.

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Several historically significant items have been donated to the railroad park. Dick Ekwall has a railroad shovel and a two wheel dolly, Mike Blair has railroad lanterns and a stove and Shirley Cobb has some train schedules.

Jim Hobbs will check with TM English as to when the lighting might be installed in the park.

Jim Hobbs will talk to the Lions and Good Ole Boys club regarding the sale of the Memorial blocks and bricks for the Railroad Park and Bruce Simonds will talk to the VFW.

Jim led a discussion on the Hazen project in regards to an access road. There are some obstacles that need to be cleared, such as resources, possibly some water/drainage issues and continued maintenance. There also was a discussion as to whether the rewards were great enough for the amount of upkeep necessary. Sarah Cavin will be invited to a Fall meeting to describe UPLT's position as to the site maintenance. No conclusions were reached.

There was a brief discussion about the Heritage Commission files. Jim is in the process of copying some of them as there should be a back-up in the event of fire, etc., possibly on CD's. To, be stored in the vault and other places, so we have a back-up. Some inventory negatives at stored at DOT. Jimhas contacted them and received a reply stating they would look for them and get back to him. As of yet they have not. Perhaps Ray Burton could speed up the process!

There was a brief report from Dick Ekwall as to his continuing conversations with the owner of the Pike Mill property.

Next meeting scheduled for September 24th.

No other business to be discussed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Duane Baxter
Secretary Pro Tem.