

HVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2011 – James Morrill Building, North Haverhill, NH

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Karen Griswold, and Dave Johnson

Guest: Robert Fillion

Absent: Dick Ekwall, Wayne Fortier, Scott Moody

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

The minutes of the January 27th meeting were approved as written.

The treasury of the Commission stands the same, the \$1600.00 Gandin Bros. bill is yet to be paid.

Jim Hobbs then discussed the signage to go on the bandstand in Railroad Park. He had been to Doug Henson's and found a large piece of wood with the bark still on the top and the bottom that would be in keeping with the log cabin look of the bandstand. He would have the words routed and then blackened. He wants to purchase the wood but there not being a quorum tonight, that will have to wait. He suggested having another sign on white composition wood, suggested by Sherri Sargent, that would have a caboose painted on it attached to the left end of the sign wood.

Jim also mentioned there was talk of moving the bandstand so whoever is on stage would not have the sun in their eyes.

Sherri Sargent, the new Recreation Director, is interested in getting involved with the Hazen Park property as well.

Regarding the Hazen site, Jim wants to build a walking path and make gardens along it. He contacted Guerney's Nursery and asked if they would like to sponsor the gardens. A person in the corporate office was interested and will get back to Jim. He figures the cost would be around \$3500 worth of plants.

The chairman read the HHC statement, in the 2002 Town Report, that Mr. Fillion had an expressed issue with. After reading it aloud he asked Mr. Fillion to explain what was in question. Fillion said he guessed he had misread, or misunderstood, it.

Jim mentioned that the “Paddle the Border” events would take place on May 22 and October 2 of this year.

Jim has Mr. Fenn lined up to grade the road into Hazen site except for the last 350 yards and Richard Patten will most likely make the walking pathway around the perimeter of the site, which would be about 1000 feet of pathway. We also have crushed cement for a base and a dump offered to do the filling.

He has also checked out the area where he thought there could be a launching site for canoes, boats, etc. but that it has been undercut by the river, flooded, etc. and no longer an appropriate area to use which is very disappointing.

Also mentioned was the roundhouse area of Railroad Park and future stairways to be made for access to the foundations of the roundhouse, machine shop, and pump house.

A discussion followed on the intern program for Woodsville High School students and Jim will follow up with the history teacher.

With no further business to be discussed, Karen moved we adjourn. This was seconded by Dave. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Griswold, Secretary