

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes – Thursday, March 25, 2010 – James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH

Attending: Jim Hobbs, Carolyn Byrne, Dick Ekwall, 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 stated that Peter Heilemann would no longer be a member of the Commission. There would be another select board member but he was not sure of that person's name.

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

Comments from Jim Hobbs follow:

- There is now \$4551.90 in the treasury.**
- The “Paddle the Border” group was meeting upstairs and that they could possibly be hosted at the Hazen Park when it becomes available.**
- It was agreed that “Hazen Park” would be the name for the Hazen project.**
- There supplied a concept picture of the granite block display, with forms for people to order the memory blocks at the upcoming Railroad Show.**
- He is changing the title of his newest book, Coos Country as people are confusing it with Coos County! This book is to be sold as an HHC fundraiser.**
- He suggested we consider making badges with pictures of the caboose and the words “HHC supporter” as another fund raiser.**
- He has donated a weed whacker for us at the Hazen site.**
- Sarah Caven from the Upper Valley Land Trust will be at our next meeting the 29th of April. If the members have any questions for her, they should send them to Jim in advance of the meeting, so they can be emailed to Sarah in advance of the meeting. Jim will also set up a time for Sarah to visit the site.**
- Jim will set up a model in the museum section of his store to show how the granite blocks will look. Since there are now ten names the blocks can be made.**
- He wants to get the stakes in the ground soon to round out the southern-inland corner of the Hazen site so as to be more compatible to Mr. Knox's machinery.**
- The Fire chief Hammond agreed to burn the Hazen site after access is provided.**
- EZ Steel has offered to donate the welding of the caboose steps.**
- Jim thinks the caboose, because of lack of internal space, should be used as a covered bridge lookout, and a place to display a wood plaque with names of people who are/have served in the arm services, using red, white, and blue engraved name plates. Jim will check on the costs.**
- Robert Johnson, from Ryegate, has donated a set of state quarters that he wishes to have displayed in the caboose honoring lives lost while defending our country.**

Dick Ekwall spoke about putting a rubber sheet on the roof of the caboose – and the ladders need to be put where people cannot climb on them. Also the key needs to be checked out – seems to work in the door but does not open it.

Jim stated that Bryan Fay will take off the plywood on the caboose to see what is going on with the damaged siding and to check out the roof. Dick thinks the siding is poplar.

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Jim said that Norman and Mrs. Ingalls were in his store saying they would like to have our interest in their RR cars clarified, These are the cars near the old Armour location on Railroad street. Jim said we would consider the red car for use as a museum for Railroad and Logging memorabilia. Mr. Ingalls said the improvements could be done on his site, prior to moving to the caboose location.

Dick said the car was made into a mechanical refrigerator car in the 50's and the end of car was cut off. However, Jim said it would be great for a museum as it is weather tight and lighted. We could use the trucks from both cars – one set could be used under the caboose and then both cars would be the same height. The Ingalls would donate the car to us if we clean it up and move it.

The other car could be donated to Ide's if they moved it onto a block or RR tie footing. It could be used for storage and as railroad memorabilia as car's were always in front of that building in the railroad day..

Jim will communicate with the Ingalls on this matter.

Jim said the town of Warren raised \$50,000 for their museum with memory blocks. A mailing would bring in a 15% response in any mail campaign, and suggests we consider such a program and will work on a cost analysis.

He also suggested we use Classmates. Com's email system as a similar program to solicit donations from WHS & Haverhill Academy alumni. Carolyn and Karen could enter the information on his computer. A letter has to be designed which should include names of alumni who are members of the Heritage Commission, (Jim, Carolyn, Bruce and Duane).

Jim will ask Paul Knox if it would be possible to lease the triangular piece of his property, adjoining the Ingalls Farm end of the Hazen property. It is not suitable for planting, is practically river level, and would make an ideal canoe/kayak inlet. Jim also discussed this possibility with Sarah Caven.

Sarah said our plans are compatibly with UVLT and she would use the park profile as the model for the Hazen warrant.

Carolyn Byrne asked Dick Ekwall if he was still doing research on the caboose. He said he was and is checking on the color and the number of the caboose.

Jo Lacaillade has made the HHC link on the Haverhill Website ... active. HHC minutes will now be available thru this link.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

With no further business to be discussed, Karen Griswold moved we adjourn. This was seconded by Carolyn Byrne. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Griswold, Secretary