

**HVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**Minutes – Thursday, May 28, 2009 – James Morrell Building, North Haverhill, NH**

**Attending: Jim Hobbs, Karen Griswold, Bruce Simonds, Carolyn Byrne, Dick Ekwall, Shirley Cobb, and Robert Clifford.**

**Jim Hobbs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.**

**The minutes of the April 26, 2009 meeting of the Commission were approved as published by Shirley Cobb and seconded by Carolyn Byrne.**

**Shirley Cobb noted to the Commission that we should keep an eye on the Hazen site. Discussion followed about the site and that we should check on it further after October. Bob Clifford mentioned that he could make granite corner blocks to mark the property.**

**Jim Hobbs then discussed bids made for moving the caboose to Woodsville. He had received one bid for \$17,900 and a newer one for \$8,900 from a company in Massachusetts. Dick Ekwall stated that the latter company was the one he had been in touch with, and the \$8,900 quote was correct. Jim Hobbs said he had also contacted a carrier in Quechee, VT for a quote.**

**Jim Hobbs said that he would be setting up stakes the following day for the kiosk in Railroad Park. He then showed Commission members a map of the projected park, some photos of foundations of buildings, etc. He also passed out a budget for the park.**

**Carolyn Byrne mentioned that she had seen park benches with the ends made from the trucks of trains and that they might be a good idea for our Railroad Park as well.**

**Bruce Simonds questioned the \$17,500 fee in the budget for lampposts.**

**Jim Hobbs told Commission members that we have \$3,622.15 in our treasury and he would be in touch with Tom Mayo re. if there are additional costs for work on the kiosk.**

**Shirley Cobb mentioned that we should have a ceremony at some point for the dedication of the kiosk.**

**Dick Ekwall asked if we needed more railroad cars. Jim Hobbs said that we did not.**

**People asked if restrooms were included in the budget for the park. They were not listed so we assume portable toilets will probably be used.**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Dick Ekwall told the Commission about the chimney remains of the Pike Mill and wondered if members thought it was worthy of being saved. Tony Smith might sell it. The chimney was built in 1898. Dick is wondering if a feasibility study should be done on the chimney and members felt it should be saved if possible. A motion was made by Shirley Cobb that Dick should go ahead with the project, and Karen Griswold seconded the motion.

The next item that Dick Ekwall mentioned was that the railroad sign resting on the side of the Trendy Threads building in Woodsville should be picked up.

Jim Hobbs brought up the project of a fundraiser to sell bricks for \$50-75 each with names inscribed on them to put with the 1899 school marker that has been saved. A motion was made to go ahead with the project by Carolyn Byrne and Dick Ekwall seconded the motion.

Shirley Cobb said that she had more money to purchase raffle tickets for the petit point of the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge. Karen Griswold stated that Liz Shelton has the petit point and the tickets at the Party Store. Karen said that she will pick up the tickets and the petit point on June 21 (note should be on the 20<sup>th</sup>) and give them to Jim Hobbs. The selection of the winner will be made at the Haverhill Selectboard meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009. Jim Hobbs said he would get information put on the agenda for that day and that he and Shirley Cobb would go to the meeting.

Shirley Cobb stated that she and Duane Baxter had talked about getting the Haverhill Heritage Commission, Parks and Recreation, and the Haverhill Historical Society together for a combined meeting so each group would be aware of what the other groups are working on. Jim Hobbs said he felt the merchants in town should be included in this meeting as well.

With no further business to be discussed, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Hobbs, seconded by Shirley Cobb.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting June 25th, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Griswold, Secretary