

Hollis Heritage Commission

Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: 30 January, 2018

Members Present: David Sullivan, Honi Glover, Wendy Trimble, Jan Larmouth, Karla Vogel, Michael Bates, Aurelia Perry

Guests: Kim Kellner

Members Absent: Frank Cadwell, Josey MacMillan

Meeting: Called to order: 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: November, 2017

Approved – motion by Wendy; 2nd by Michael.

Finance: Jan reports that as of the end of December we had \$1775.00 in the general Heritage Fund, and \$21,796.22 in the Cooper Shop Fund. We received \$2070.00 from Honi's calendar sales, minus \$25 for a table at the Yard Sale = \$2045.00 in deposits. YTD 2018 calendar sales: \$5570.00; YTD 2018 calendar sponsorship: \$4400.00; YTD calendar expenses: \$4498.66; 2018 calendar profit: \$5471.34. Dave reports that he also has an additional \$100 in calendar sales to bring in.

Business: The Cooper Shop was taken down in 2006. Mark Le Doux has very generously pledged any additional funds of which we may be short, but we have exceeded our goal of raising \$20,000.00. After the foundation is put in place, we will need to take inventory of what we have and what we need. Some flooring had been donated to the Lawrence Barn. Some parts are already at the White Barn at Woodmont; some are still in the storage trailer at the Stump Dump. The next step will need to be moving everything from the Stump Dump to the White Barn, checking moisture/damage/ usability. Michael brought up that we'll want to put gravel or something down beneath/around the Cooper Shop for drainage. We'll want to ask local experts regarding best practices. We should also keep ears to the ground regarding any old buildings/barns being taken down – there might be material we can use to replace needed pieces. We hope to have approvals and documentation from the Town ASAP, so that we may get the foundation in by early spring. We know that the Selectmen are on board with the project. Wendy will assist in getting this on the agenda of their next meeting. The foundation could be in for a few months before we get the building raised; we'll need to build up awareness and volunteers. We'd use the summer to get everything ready and staged, and look toward a Shop-raising in the fall.

The grant for which we applied: the Marie Le Doux Foundation has offered \$2000.00 for the project of signage at the Cooperage, Gambrel Barn, and Ice House, so we will not be going forward with the grant application this year. Karla pointed out that we'll want to begin drafting what information we want on the signage! We're envisioning something similar to what's in the Lawrence Barn, but perhaps one panel per building. Karla pointed out that it would be nice to have a unifying theme; the story of the history of that plot of land; the story of economic agriculture; the story of the farming communities in NH ... things to consider.

There are MANY possible projects for which we could use the historical grant in future: some central signage/mapping in town, highlighting historical points of interest; putting together programs for people to learn how to research their own properties, etc.

Dave was approached with the offer of the donation of an historical sleigh, having been owned by Liz Woods and Laurie Linley; it's all original, with original paint, and is by all accounts quite amazing. It's somehow associated with Prudence Wright – it will be interesting to see what we can find out. Motion by Aurelia to accept the donation; 2nd by Wendy. We would put it in the Gambrel Barn. Perhaps, because the Gambrel Barn is so festive itself, with the sleigh we could have some kind of winter celebration/fundraiser there with happy activities, refreshments, entertainment, some time.

Honi and Wendy did a demolition of an old house on Hayden Road, vacant.

Honi mentioned that it's time to start the process of working with Hidden Treasures again, if we want to participate this year; it was decided that we have enough on our plate right now, but could use the Cooper Shop as our Hidden Treasure next year.

2019 Calendar. Jan suggested continuing to advertise the calendar project every once in awhile, on the Facebook page for instance, so that we continue to get photo submissions for the different seasons. Last year's theme of Scenic Hollis was very popular, and people are still interested in submitting their photos, so we're going to keep that theme for 2019. Karla will draft an announcement for the newspaper. We will offer sponsorships, and business card spots, at the same prices as last year: \$400 for a monthly sponsorship (which includes a business card spot); \$200 for a business card spot alone.

Wendy has drafted a lovely Certificate of Appreciation for Lull Farm, for selling 100 2018 calendars! We'll frame it and put an announcement in the paper. She has also prepared four thank-you notes for our other major local partners in calendar sales.

The unused storage container we had is going to be donated to the DPW, and will be moved.

We have an application for a new Heritage Commission member, and look forward to greeting her at the meeting next month. Jan pointed out that, with potentially more interest in the HHC and potentially more members coming in, we may want to consider having a dedicated Corresponding Secretary so that we have more organization around the communication that goes out. We are very grateful for the correspondence and writing that Karla, and Wendy, and Jan, and other members have been stepping up to do.

Michael reports that at the Historic District Commission an application was approved for 40 new windows in a blue Victorian-style house on Proctor Hill Road; 2 monochrome signs were also approved for MTC Equestrian Attire on Ash Street – one next to the door, and a larger one out front. Hollis Primary School and HUES are improving their energy efficiency, and HPS is updating its exterior – all approved.

The HHC used to meet twice a month, and Dave proposes we start doing that again with all the projects we're beginning. We will therefore plan on meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm. Motion by Honi; 2nd by Michael.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 13th.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.