

Hollis Heritage Commission
Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: 27 February, 2018

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

Guests: Rob Melone

Members Absent: Frank Cadwell, Michael Bates, Josey MacMillan

Meeting: Called to order: 7:00pm

Minutes: mid-February 2018

Approved – motion by Honi; 2nd by Wendy.

Finance: Jan reports that we received 20 cents in interest. We have \$23,571.42, which includes \$1,775.00 in the Heritage Fund, and \$21,496.42 in the Cooper Shop Fund.

Business: Rob Melone, Photographer, came by. He enjoys using sites at Woodmont for photo shoots, and is giving us a very nice \$500.00 donation. He also wanted to ask about the slate tiles at Woodmont: they came off the Cooper Shop, but Dave believes that slate as a roofing material came in after the Cooper Shop was built and that the Shop probably had a wood roof originally. We will have to research and figure out the best route for the roof as we begin re-construction. If we don't use all the slate tiles, Rob would like a couple dozen or so, on which to photograph the fine leather boots for which his company produces marketing. We also would be happy to lend slate tiles to Rob, in the meantime. Rob has a trove of older photos of Woodmont & the buildings there, which he has volunteered to share with us.

Agatha has been to the Board of Selectmen, and is approved as a member for HHC. We still have one Alternate spot open.

The Selectmen's breakfast for Town volunteers will be this Saturday morning.

Dave met with the Nichols Smith Land Trust earlier this month, submitted a letter regarding our intentions for the Cooper Shop along with a great deal of information about Cooper Shops in the area, and formally asked for their support. Many members thought that the site at Woodmont Orchards would be the perfect spot for the Cooper Shop: but some felt that, although there was a Cooper Shop at that site and although Cooper Shops were ubiquitous in regard to agricultural land, according to the Conservation Easement, the Cooper Shop would not be in compliance. This is open to interpretation. We were directed to speak with the Town Attorney, Attorney Drescher, who agreed that the Cooper Shop might not fully fit with the Conservation Easement. The Conservation Easement could, however, be amended. The next step would be to request that the Nichols Smith Land Trust accept an amendment to the Easement. This will cost some legal fees. After some discussion, the HHC did feel that we should move forward with requesting an amendment, go through the review process (typically 21 days for a low-risk assessment such as we expect this to be), and continue to work

toward putting up the Cooper Shop at the Woodmont site, as planned. Dave will discuss the situation further with Attorney Drescher. It may be that if the Cooper Shop is recognized as a Farm Museum, it will fit within the Conservation Easement.

Honi reports that she and Wendy recorded a house that is going to be demolished on Federal Hill Road – the 12-year-old house mentioned at our last meeting.

Wendy brought up that we should pick a date for our next Drive-It Day; Saturday, June 30th, is proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm. Motion by Wendy, second by Jan.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 13th. The sub-committee for project signage will meet at 6 that day.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.