

Hollis Heritage Commission
Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: 27 March, 2018

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

Members Absent: Frank Cadwell

Meeting: Called to order: 7:00pm

Minutes: end-February 2018

Approved – motion by Honi; 2nd by Karla.

Finance: Jan reports that we have \$3775.00 in the general Heritage Fund, and \$22,396.60 in the Cooperage Fund. Deposited this month were Dave's \$100.00 from calendar sales; a \$2000.00 donation from the Marie Ledoux Foundation; \$500.00 from HH Brown Co., via Rob Melone, Photographer, who visited us last month. The donation from the Marie Ledoux Foundation will be used for signage for the restored buildings at Woodmont Orchard.

Business: We did not ultimately have a meeting in mid-March, due to a storm. Dave brought up the slate tiles from the roof for the Cooperage, and Rob Melone's visit last month. If we decided to use slate for the roof and needed more, we could easily match them. Aurelia moved to give some tiles to Rob, and Michael 2nd. It was suggested that, going forward, we see about having people sponsor individual roof tiles.

We still have two Alternate Member positions available on this Heritage Commission.

Regarding the Cooperage, our next step is to prepare the materials necessary to request an amendment to the Nichols Smith Land Trust that will allow us to erect the antique building at Woodmont, present the materials to the Selectmen, and ask for their official support. The Selectmen have given their support to this project, ongoing. We are stewarding the Cooperage, and the Woodmont historical farm area, on behalf of the Town, are seeing wide support for and interest in it within the Town, and are hopeful that this step will be successful. The Land Trust is also working on behalf of the Town, so we are optimistic about finding common ground for the project. As mentioned in previous minutes, as the small, antique, farm Cooperage will be museum, fitting with the Ice House and Gambrel Barn in the same area, and may well fit within the guidelines for the Land Trust without issue. Dave has been working really hard on preparing information and looking into next steps.

Honi reports that the Old Home Days Committee has started to meet. No demolitions have been recorded in the past month.

Karla reports that we haven't yet had any submissions for our 2019 calendar, but she's doing a lot to publicize it.

Jan will send a thank-you note to Mark Ledoux for the donation from the Marie Ledoux Foundation.

Michael reports that there are five applications to the Historic District Commission: changing an existing sign; putting up a temporary tent for an event; on Four Corners, put up a more contemporary, classically-designed sign; one house asking to install new garage doors; turning the former Bank of America, off Ash Street, into a bakery and café.

Drive-It Day: we are looking at June 30. Josey suggested a destination of the Kimball Farm hydroponic gardens.

Officer elections. Honi moved that we keep the officers we have had in the past year. Michael 2nd, and approved. Dave – Chair; Karla – Vice-Chair; Jan – Treasurer; Aurelia – Recording Secretary. Jan brought up that it might be useful to have an unofficial Corresponding Secretary; for now, we will keep correspondence as case-by-case.

The sub-committee for signage at Woodmont will meet at 6pm on April 10th; the next regular meeting will be April 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.