

Hollis Heritage Commission
Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: 23 April, 2019

Members Present: Honi Glover, Susan Benz, Karla Vogel, Doug Nye, David Sullivan, Aurelia Perry

Members Absent: Wendy Trimble, Michael Bates, Josey MacMillan, Jan Larmouth

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

Minutes: March, 2019. Approved – motion by Honi; 2nd by Doug.

Business: Karla called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Doug is voting at this meeting in place of a regular member who is absent.

Karla is submitting a receipt for the thumb drives she purchased for HHC use; Honi made a motion that Karla be reimbursed, Aurelia second.

Doug and Honi have removed the holiday wreath from the Gambrel Barn. It had held up very well, and looked great.

We welcomed Selectman Representative Susan Benz, who introduced herself and spoke about her dedication to the Town and its history. She told us about the recent Selectmen's meeting, and we discussed briefly the issue of road-grading, in town -- of which our some of members have had a positive experience.

Our Drive-It Day is coming up on Saturday, June 29. Karla has drafted a beautiful "Save the Date" flyer to pass around. We will plan on stopping at the famous Delaney Clock Shop in Townsend, and Dave will ask about also visiting a local enthusiast's collection of vintage trucks.

Karla reports that the story boards are getting close to going to the printer. Jan has done a careful final proofread.

The 2020 Calendar is moving along; there have been five photo submissions so far.

The Cooperage. Michael has scouted some sites: Volunteer Park, near Hilda's Walk, on Ash Street, which wouldn't work well; or near the Lawrence Barn. It really should have gone at Woodmont Orchard, where the other HHC-maintained antique buildings are. The delay, as caused by the Land Trust's disregard of the Town's, the Selectmen's, and the Heritage Commission's wishes and provisions, has caused significant difficulty.

A location near the Lawrence Barn would be historically accurate, aesthetically pleasing to both the Cooperage and the Lawrence Barn, would not block the view, would not disrupt the equestrian ring, would be in a safe and central location, and probably would go in a currently partially-overgrown, bushy area. Susan will talk with the Selectmen about putting the Cooperage at the Lawrence Barn.

As mentioned last month, the HHC storage container at Woodmont has been moved to a more hidden spot behind the White Barn; the next step is still to empty it of the discarded shop fixtures.

Honi is having some nice, old-growth trees taken down at her property, and has offered to give us the wood needed to replace any rotted timbers from the original Cooperage beams and timber. We will need to inventory the parts! Replacement wood may need to cure for a few months before use.

Karla brought up that it would be nice to have the Gambrel Barn open in the summer, on the days that the Historical Society has the Ever-Ready Engine House and the Wheeler House open. We will discuss this more as summer approaches.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Motion by Honi, Second by Doug.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 28th.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.