

**Hollis Heritage Commission
Town of Hollis, NH 03049**

Date: May 28, 2019

Members present: Wendy Trimble, Karla Vogel, Honi Glover, Jan Larmouth, Doug Nye, David Sullivan, Susan Benz, Selectman representative

Members absent: Michael Bates, Aurelia Perry, Josey MacMillan

1. Meeting called to order: 7:15 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by David Sullivan

Items for discussion:

1. Treasurer Report and Investing the Cooper Shop Funds in a higher investment account

Jan reported the following balances and activities:

- Heritage Fund: \$2,947.00
- Cooper Shop: \$29,819.94
- Total citizen's Checking Account: \$32,766.94
- Check request to pay invoice received for story boards: \$525.00
- Check request to reimburse Karla for flash drives: \$28.88

Jan received information from Rachael Gosselin, Hollis Finance director, that the best CD rates she found as of 5/9/2019 were at Santander Bank: 6 month CD = 2.28% interest, 1 year CD = 2.38% interest. Commission members felt that a 6 month CD would meet the needs of the commission with an investment of \$20,000 of cooper shop funds. Doug mentioned that the Historical Society was offered a higher rate of return for their funds and he will report back to the Commission with additional information. Jan will contact Rachael to let her know that the commission is interested in a 6 month CD and request that she determines which banking institution has the best rate of return at this time.

2. Old Home Days booth reservation and Cooper Fee

Jan stated that she had received the application for exhibitors for Old Home Days and requested approval to submit the application with the \$25.00 fee for non-profit organizations. Honi asked that the commission also approve that a check be sent to the Old Home Days Committee for \$125 to pay for ½ of the cooper demonstration fee, as has been done in the past. Karla made a motion to approve both requests. Wendy seconded. All present approved. Jan will complete the application and check requests.

3. Story boards

Wendy displayed the story boards for the Gould Farm, icehouse and gambrel barn. Commission members agreed that the boards looked great. Discussions were held about the following topics:

- How to protect the boards: ? plexiglass or lexan? Karla will investigate the options. Jan will ask Chris Cahill of Cahill Construction for his opinion.
- Painting the ice house prior to hanging the sign: Wendy suggested that the ice house should be painted/stained prior to mounting the signs. Dave will forward the paint/stain color to Wendy and she will buy 2 five gallon containers of paint/stain. Honi will investigate borrowing/renting a paint sprayer.
- After the tasks above are complete, the commission will decide how to affix the signs to the buildings.

4. Storing sleigh in Lawrence Barn

Wendy made a motion to move the sleigh that is stored in the Gambrel Barn to a loft in the

Lawrence Barn for display. Karla seconded the motion. All present approved. Dave will move the sleigh to the Lawrence Barn.

Karla suggested that a small sign be created to acknowledge the gift of the sleigh from the Woods family to the Heritage Commission. All present agreed that a small sign (probably no larger than 8 ½ by 11") be created, printed and hung near the sleigh in the Lawrence Barn. This project will be added to the "to do" list.

5. Cooper Shop – inventory of wood at stump dump and moving it to White barn

Wendy reported that she, Dave and Honi began an inventory of the cooper shop wood at the white barn and the stump dump. Dave estimates that about 70% of the wood can be used in the reconstruction. Jan made a motion to spend \$300 to move the logs and up to \$200 for additional labor necessary to accomplish the move. Susan seconded. All present approved. Honi will contact the appropriate people to accomplish this task. Invoices should be forwarded to Jan for payment.

Wendy made a motion to appoint Dave as project manager for the cooper shop project since he has experience with reconstruction of the gambrel barn. Karla seconded. All present approved. Dave accepted. Wendy also mentioned that the wood will need to be moved from the stump dump to the white barn to continue the inventory, but most of the members of the commission would not be able to participate because of physical limitations. Who will accomplish this task is an unresolved issue.

Wendy suggested that a sub-group of the Commission be formed to meet and discuss the cooper shop construction and other issues so that the regular meetings are more efficient.

6. Drive It Day – June 29th – get word out with posters, etc.

Wendy asked all members to help spread the word about the day. Wendy asked Karla to apply for the outdoor sign permits. Karla agreed. Karla mentioned that signs are on display at the library, town hall and other places around town.

7. Hollis Congregational Church – stone wall

This topic has been moved to the June meeting agenda.

8. Other business:

Wendy: Location of the cooper shop in vicinity of Lawrence Barn

Wendy stated that the selectmen had approved a location for the cooper shop near the Lawrence Barn but after discussion with the equestrian group that uses the riding ring, a different location was suggested. Wendy secured a plot plan of the area as well as a marker drawn to scale for the commission. She suggested that an appropriate alternate site would be on the south side of the barn, near the parking lot for the tennis courts, with the door of the barn facing the Lawrence Barn. All present agreed that this location would not interfere with the riding ring or any other permanent structure and provide ample space in front of the shop during demonstrations. All present agreed that this would be the preferred location. Susan will discuss the change with the Town Administrator and other selectmen.

Wendy: Request from The Copy Shop to re-print 2019 calendar

Wendy received a request from the Copy shop to print 2 copies of the 2019 calendar for a customer who has 2 photos included in the calendar. Karla provided a copy of the release that all photographers sign prior to publishing the 2019 calendar and the terms of the release do not allow for printing of additional copies in addition to those requested by the Commission. Wendy will contact the Copy Shop and inform them of the conditions of the release.

Karla: Additional meeting prior to Drive It Day?

Karla raised the question of whether or not we would need an additional meeting to prepare for Drive It Day. Since our next scheduled meeting is prior to June 29, all present agreed that we did not need an additional meeting.

Dave: Fund raising idea for copper shop

Dave suggested that the Commission members fashion and sell wooden pegs at Old Home Days as a means of raising additional funds for the cooper shop. This type of fund raiser was done for the Lawrence Barn as well. Honi mentioned that she would probably be able to make the pegs.

**Next meeting date is June 25, 2019, 7 PM at the Town Hall.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.**