

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

Date: June 25, 2019

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

Members absent: Michael Bates, Aurelia Perry, Secretary, Josey MacMillan

1. Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of May 28, 2019 minutes. Susan made a motion to approve. Karla seconded.

Items for discussion:

1. Hollis Congregational Church – Tom Hildreth

Tom Hildreth presented a detailed review of the structural and landscaping changes proposed for the Congregational Church on Monument Square. Tom addressed concerns of the commission members related to some of the exterior changes that are proposed. Commission members present agreed that the plans will preserve the integrity of the site.

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

Jan reported the following balances and activities:

- Heritage Fund: \$2,797.00
- Cooper Shop: \$29,922.96
- Total citizen's Checking Account: \$32,719.96
- Check request to transfer \$150.00 to Old Home Days fund for booth reservation and ½ of cooper demo fee
- Deposit \$92.50 from Averill Vineyards into cooper shop fund

Jan reported the latest 6 month CD interest rates received from Rachael Gosselin, Town Finance Director. A discussion was held about the timeline for the cooper shop project and the need to have funds readily available within the term of the CD investment. Karla moved to invest \$20,000 in a 6 month CD with the highest rate of return. Susan seconded the motion. All present agreed. Jan will discuss the investment with Rachael Gosselin and send more detailed information about the terms of the investment to commission members prior to the money being invested if all remaining concerns are addressed.

3. Calendars

Karla has prepared a web location that includes pictures and a voting page for members to view submitted pictures. Deadline for submission is July 1. Commission members can review the pictures and choose 2 favorites for each month. Choices can be forwarded to Wendy. Site is <http://vogelinfo.site/>. Wendy will request a meeting space from the town during the week of July 8 so that member's choices can be reviewed and choices made for the calendar.

Wendy also mentioned that we need to begin thinking about businesses to approach for sponsorship.

4. Cooper Shop Update

Dave updated the group about progress that has been made on this project:

- Custom View Landscaping will excavate and place the foundation stones when the site has been approved.
- Dave and Wendy will secure the necessary permits from the town.
- Honi remarked that the lumber is stacked and is drying. She estimates approximately a 6 month drying time. Thanks to Dave, his children, Honi and her friend Jim for completing the stacking of the lumber.
- Members engaged in a discussion related to the safety of the site between when the stones are placed and when construction begins. No final decision was made at this time on how to secure the area.
- Dave has completed a sketch that will guide construction.
- Wendy distributed a map that shows the final position of the building in relation to other structures near the Lawrence Barn. The final orientation will mirror that of the Lawrence Barn.
- Dave suggested that a photo be taken of the commission members at groundbreaking.

5. Drive It Day – helpers, members participating

Members should meet at the Lawrence Barn for registration at 8:45 AM on Saturday. Dave mapped out the route that includes a stop at the Delaney Antique Clock Shop in Townsend and Amos White's vehicle collection on Federal Hill Rd. We will be accepting donations at registration.

6. Other business:

- Karla mentioned that lexan is available at Home Depot to protect the story boards. It is \$32.78 per piece.
- Wendy mentioned that Michael said there was no report from the Historic District Commission.
- Honi and Wendy recorded a demolition on Flint Pond Dr.

Next meeting date is July 23, 2019, 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.