

Hollis Heritage Commission

Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: September 28, 2021

Members Present: Wendy Trimble, Karla Vogel, Doug Nye, Sharon McCaffrey, Cassandra Vorisek, Susan Benz, Jan Larmouth, David Sullivan, Michael Bates, Aurelia Perry

Members Absent: Honi Glover

Meeting: Called to order: 7:02pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: August 2021. Approved with amendments – motion by Sharon, 2nd by Karla.

Finance: Jan reports that we have \$19,658.30 in the Cooper Shop account; \$20,000.00 in the Money Market account (interest from this account is added to the Cooper Shop account); and \$2,947.00 in the general Heritage Fund account, for a cash-on-hand total of \$42,605.30. Interest accrued in August was \$3.56.

September activity on the accounts has included deposits of: \$200 from calendar sponsorship; \$390 in calendar sales; \$70 in sales of personalized pegs for the Cooper Shop; \$9 in donations. We are still awaiting the calendar sponsorship check from Custom View.

Doug will submit invoices for the HHC t-shirts, and for the picnic table at Woodmont; those funds will come out of the general Heritage account. Dave will submit an invoice for the work done on the Ice House roof, which will also come out of the general Heritage account.

Business:

Wendy sent a detailed update on Heritage Commission business to all members just prior to today's meeting:

"Firstly I want to say a huge thank you to you all for helping out at Old Home Days. This thanks stretches all the way from putting up the tent, the podium, the float, to manning the booth and tidying up at the end of the day. The float was a huge success (thank you Dave and Doug) and we had a lot of compliments saying it was the best float there. Doug and I heard lots of happy kids enjoying the skeletons and we both think more skeletons next year will be the way to go.

"Also, huge thanks to Doug for organizing and purchasing the t-shirts. I am so grateful for everything that he did to organize these. ... Another big thank you to Honi for making the pegs ready for sale at OHD too. We sold 7 on the day and these are now ready to sell at future events.

"The story of the calendar has been ongoing. We finally managed to get 100 printed for OHD. We sold 35 that day. We then divided up others as gifts for the photographers and sponsors. Most of these have been delivered although there are some left.

"Karla and I took 17 each to Lull Farm Stand and Brookdale Farm Stand the following week and they were welcomed with open arms as they had been getting lots of requests. Since then we have had another 100 printed after we spent a lot of time getting the Copy Shop to fix colors on some of the photographs. Now the Pharmacy has calendars to sell, the dry cleaners have calendars to sell and we have been able to top up the baskets at both Lull and Brookdale. I do have 50 calendars at my house and I will not be getting any more until early October as the Copy Shop are having problems with getting

our quality paper for more prints to be completed. If anyone would like some let me know but maybe we can keep these for the farm stands and once we get our final order we can divide them between ourselves for selling.

“Karla and Bridget have been doing a fantastic job advertising on Instagram and Facebook. Thank you both for keeping this going and so professionally done too. Karla has also put an advert on the town website and sent one to the Rotary newsletter. Thank you Karla.

“We have a new invoice system working well to keep a total of the number of calendars that we are leaving at the farm stands and pharmacy.”

Budget: The Town generally gives the HHC \$750.00 per year; we are making an itemized list of our expenses and spending, for the Town’s information.

Old Home Days: As above, the event was very successful. Dave’s Model T was a beautiful addition to our tent & display. It was a colorful day with much attention being paid to our projects and the calendar.

Calendar: The Copy Shop with which we are working has had some staffing changes, resulting in difficulty printing our calendar with the correct colors and paper quality. We almost didn’t have any calendars to sell at Old Home Days because of these errors and difficulties. We will be looking for a new printer for next year. Susan will enquire as to what company prints the annual Town reports, to start with. Staples also can also prepare quality calendars in volume, and Michael will look into their pricing.

Drive-It Day: Wendy has been asked if we’re going to have a Fall Drive-It Day. It’s a nice time of year to do a drive, but our schedules are pretty tight in October. We are looking at the 13th of November, for a Thanksgiving-themed drive. It will be weather-permitting, and might depend upon whether there has already been salt on the roads by then or not. Wendy will reach out to some previous participants to see if they would drive with us that late in the season. Sharon brought up that, next year, a Halloween-themed drive would be a lot of fun. Susan suggested that at the same time we plan both a Spring and Fall Drive-It Day next year, to have the dates set; we could then advertise the fall date at Old Home Days.

Annual Inspection Walk of the Heritage Commission properties: (Also known as the Annabel Johnson property.) Doug points out that the trails are barely passable right now, due to downed trees. We are looking at November 20th; if the Drive-It Day doesn’t happen, we will move the walk up to the 13th.

Cooper Shop: Doug has a plan for setting up the beams and framing, if we can get the beams down to the site. He has spoken with Honi, who has some good long boards for the floor. We could get that much done before winter. Dave can lend us his trailer, for the effort, and Wendy will reach out to some of our strong volunteers to assist in work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. Motion by Doug, 2nd by Jan.

Next Meeting to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, October 26.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.