



Town of Hollis Heritage Commission

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HOLLIS HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2023

Town Hall Meeting Room

MEMBERS OF THE HHC: Karla Vogel, Acting Chair; Susan Benz, Select Board Representative; Jan Larmouth, Treasurer and Acting Vice-Chair; Honi Glover, Regular Member; David Sullivan, Regular Member; Sharon McCaffrey, Alternate; Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Alternate; Aurelia Perry, Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karla Vogel, Acting Chair; Susan Benz, Select Board Representative; Jan Larmouth, Treasurer and Acting Vice-Chair; Honi Glover, Regular Member; David Sullivan, Regular Member; Sharon McCaffrey, Alternate; Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Alternate.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aurelia Perry, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

ALTERNATE TO VOTE: Karla asked Sharon if she would vote in place of Aurelia. Sharon accepted.

APPROVAL OF HHC MEETING MINUTES: Karla asked if anyone had any comments, additions or deletions to the minutes of August 22, 2023. No comments were made. Honi made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cassandra seconded the motion. All agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jan stated that the account balances received in the report from the town will need to be adjusted because some of the Old Home Days (OHD) expenses were assigned to the Cooper Shop fund instead of the General Heritage Fund. The correct balances are Heritage fund \$746.91, Cooper Shop \$30,156.91, White Barn \$43,000.00, total \$73,903.82. Interest accrued in August was \$203.30. The HHC has still not received the calendar sponsorship check from Lull Farm or the deposit from the OHD Committee for ½ of the Cooper's demonstration fee.

Jan made a motion to pay the invoice of \$4,400.00 to the Copy Shop for printing of the calendars. Honi seconded the motion. All agreed.

BUSINESS:

RECAP OF OLD HOME DAYS AND BEAVER BROOK FALL FESTIVAL: Karla stated we sold over 45 calendars total at both events. There was a lot of interest from the community at OHD related to suggestions of discouraging vandalism at the Cooper Shop. A total of \$722.00 was deposited as a result of calendar sales, postcard sales and donations. These events provide an opportunity to let the community at large know projects the Heritage Commission have ongoing and provide educational materials about the heritage of Hollis.

DEMOLITIONS: Karla mentioned that she and Honi recorded statistics for 3 buildings scheduled for demolition on Main Street, Silver Lake Road and Worcester Road.

WHITE BARN UPDATE: Jan had sent the revised details of work for the 2 sides of the White Barn to all members. Members agreed that the scope of work would improve the appearance of the building while staying within our budget of \$43,000.00. Jan contacted Ron Peik of Alpine Environmental to let him know of the member's approval. Ron will send a contract to the Heritage Commission and once signed, he expects work to begin in early October.

Karla mentioned that the work planned would provide a secure storage space for some of the items currently stored in member's homes and the Gambrel Barn.

NH PRESERVATION ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Jan made a motion to renew our membership in the NH Preservation Alliance which expires in October for \$50.00. Karla seconded the motion. All agreed.

COOPER SHOP:

Window damage, prevention and security: Dave stated that a donation had been made to cover the cost of repairing the windows that were damaged by vandals. Volunteers have stepped forward to complete this task. He also stated that we should cover all of the first floor windows with Plexiglas to prevent future damage. A discussion ensued about the practicality of installing security cameras on the cooper shop. Susan will contact someone at the town hall to determine the security already in place or planned for the Lawrence Barn.

Dedication of the Cooper Shop: Date/Time/ Invitees: Cassandra has been collating a list of contact information of volunteers and people who donated funding for the Cooper Shop completion. A possible date was listed as October 21 at 11 AM at the Cooper Shop. It was also mentioned that the area surrounding the cooper shop is very busy on Saturday mornings with other activities.

SCENIC HOLLIS CALENDARS: The calendars are currently available for sale at Lull Farm, monitored by Cassandra and Brookdale Farm and Dave's Dry Cleaners, monitored by Karla. Karla will also contact other area small businesses to ask if they will also be willing to sell the calendars. Of the 240 in the original shipment, all but 30 have been sold or delivered for sale. Dave picked up the second shipment of 260 calendars and will deliver them to Karla's house.

WOODMONT MONITORING FOR ACTIVITY AND DAMAGE: Karla mentioned that members will need to make an effort to stop by the gambrel barn and ice house at Woodmont since Wendy will be moving out of the country soon.

FARLEY BUILDING COMMITTEE INFORMATION MEETING: Karla mentioned that an informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 in the Community Room at town hall so that the committee can involve additional townspeople in planning for the use of the building.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT: No member of the HDC was present to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DONATION OF BARRELS, TOOL AND FARM WAGON: Dave mentioned that he visited Mary Tanzer's barn and she is willing to donate 3 or 4 wooden barrels, some old tools and a farm wagon to the Heritage Commission for display.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn at 8:10 was made by Sharon and seconded by Honi.*

Next Meeting to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, October 24th, at the Town Hall.

102 Respectfully submitted,
103 Jan Larmouth

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105 NOTE: Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and who needs to be provided with reasonable
106 accommodation, please call the Town Hall (465-2209) at least 72 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.