



Town of Hollis Heritage Commission

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HOLLIS HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 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; David Getman, Alternate; Greg Lennartz, Alternate; Tom Cook, Historic District Commission Representative; Aurelia Perry, Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Benz, Jan Larmouth, Honi Glover, David Sullivan, Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Greg Lennartz, Aurelia Perry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karla Vogel, Sharon McCaffrey, David Getman, Tom Cook.

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

As Karla was not able to attend, Jan Larmouth led the meeting. Cassandra will be voting in place of Karla.

APPROVAL OF HHC MEETING MINUTES:

October 2023. *Approved – motion by Susan, seconded by Honi. Motion passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jan reports that there is \$762.16 in the general Heritage Fund; \$26,519.46 in the Cooper Shop account; \$12,525.00 in the White Barn account; \$39,475.00 in the total Citizen's checking account. \$186.67 in interest accrued in October, which has been deposited into the Cooper Shop account.

Additional information:

- The total paid to Alpine to date is \$32,475.00 of their \$43,000.00 contract.
- A deposit of \$420.00 in calendar sales went into the Cooper Shop account.
- Future deposits from calendar sales will go into the White Barn account.

BUSINESS:

White Barn:

Jan reports that three new sliding doors have been installed, and they look fantastic. The front door is being restored, and will be installed when the windows will be – all with plexiglass. If we have a warm spell, the part of the Barn that has been restored will be painted.

Calendar:

Jan will be selling calendars at the Luminaria event at the Town Hall, Saturday, December 9, from 3-6pm (set up at 1:30pm). Any HHC members who want to assist will be welcome!

Current locations where calendars are being sold, through Christmas: Lull Farm, Brookdale Fruit Farm, Kimball Fruit Farm, the Village Grocery. We will ask at Hollis Art Space, as well.

Susan pointed out that if we have calendars left in January, we could sell them at Primary voting, Tuesday, January 23rd.

Woodmont:

Morin's will very generously be donating a maple tree, and will plant it for us in a location similar to that of the old tree. If planted this fall, the tree will need approximately 10 gallons of water a week until the ground freezes. More likely we will be waiting until spring, at this point.

Dave has put the picnic table in the Gambrel Barn for winter storage, and also took the flag down. The bow that Jan made for last year's wreath is in great condition; Dave will put it on a new wreath this year and install that wreath and also one on the Cooper Shop, for which Jan will make a bow. Dave would also like to get flickering battery-operated candles for the Cooper Shop windows.

Motion to approve candles for the Cooper Shop – motioned by Susan, seconded by Jan; motion unanimously approved.

Farley Building Informational Meeting:

Dave reported that the Committee met today; they have developed a website, and will have a sign up on the front lawn soon, showing how the completed building will look. They will now be working on funding, and writing grants. It will be the Farley Building Community Center. For the Luminary event, they will be getting antique vehicles (weather permitting) to be displayed on the lawn along with festive lighting.

Annual Site Walk of HHC ("Anabelle Johnson") Properties:

As the weather was poor on November 18th, we are tabling the walk until after the holidays. Dave will e-mail HHC members if a date with good conditions comes up.

It was pointed out that next year we should consider scheduling the walk for spring, or early fall.

Historic District Commission Report:

There was no report, as our HDC representative was not in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of some items that will be added to the January agenda.

Greg might have access to some large sheets of plexiglass to donate, for the protection of HHC properties' historic windows – they could be stored in the White Barn until needed.

In October we received a copy of a letter sent to the Select Board by Bruce Hardy, President of the Hollis Historical Society, reminding us that the country's semiquincentennial will be celebrated in 2026, and we should begin planning our coordinated celebrations.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn at 7:49 was made by Susan and seconded by Cassandra.*

Next Meeting to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, January 23rd, at the Town Hall. We will not meet in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Aurelia Perry, Recording Secretary.

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