



Town of Hollis Heritage Commission

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HOLLIS HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 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: Karla Vogel, Susan Benz, Jan Larmouth, David Sullivan, Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Sharon McCaffrey, David Getman, Aurelia Perry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Lennartz, Honi Glover, Tom Cook.

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

Karla stated that at this meeting Sharon will be voting in place of Honi, and Cassandra will be voting in place of Tom.

APPROVAL OF HHC MEETING MINUTES:

November 2023. *Approved – motion by Dave, seconded by Cassandra. Motion passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jan reports that as of 12/31/2023 there was \$762.16 in the general Heritage Fund; \$30,717.81 in the Cooper Shop account; \$12,655.50 in the White Barn account; \$44,135.47 in the total Citizen's checking account. \$119.16 in interest accrued in October.

Additional information:

- We have had \$7,000 in calendar sponsorships, and \$5,205.00 in calendar sales.
- The calendars cost \$4,400 to print, leaving us with a profit of \$7,850.
- Cooper Shop expenses paid in 2023 totaled \$10,916.37.
- White Barn expenses paid in 2023 totaled \$36,275.00.

BUSINESS:

Cooper Shop:

Dave reports that he has reached out to a couple of masons to give estimates on building the forge. We have replacement original glass to replace the broken window. Dave pointed out that it would be a good idea to have plexiglass on the White Barn, though plexiglass would really take away from the effect of the Cooperage, in the center of Town. With the new Town cameras, we are going to leave it without plexiglass for now.

47 **White Barn:**

48 Karla pointed out that, with the doors done, it makes a huge difference. Alpine has done a fantastic job.
49 Jan reports that there is still some minor work to be completed from the original contracted scope of
50 work. It was agreed that Jan will ask Alpine for a ballpark estimate on finishing restoration of the outside
51 of the barn, including the windows.

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53 Jan also pointed out that it would be a good idea to get lockboxes for our various historic properties.
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55 **Calendar:**

56 We are getting the last few checks from vendors. Karla donated seven calendars to the Town, and the
57 remainder will be donated to United Way, to be put into boxes for seniors.
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59 Jan suggested printing 400 instead of 500 this year, so that we won't have any left over.
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61 David suggested the possibility of selling calendars online in future. We could certainly sell a lot more.
62 At the moment, however, the Town can only take cash or check.
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64 **Town Annual Report:**

65 Karla stated that the Cooper Shop is being featured on the cover this year, with an article on the inside.
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67 **Farley Building:**

68 The restoration is being moved to another level of community involvement. We now have a conditional
69 study of the building, and architectural drawings for each part of it with proposed floor plans. It is to
70 become the Farley Building Community Center. The Town offices are not at this time planned to move
71 to the building. The next step is to get a Warrant Article through that will raise no more than \$300,000
72 (roughly 7-8% of the project) to do complete construction drawings in order to send the project to
73 bidding. This documentation will also help with grant applications. A public hearing on the Warrant
74 Article will be held for the Budget Committee and the Select Board, at the Town Hall meeting room on
75 February 6; any support from the public or other committees in Town at that meeting is welcome. The
76 restoration itself will be done in phases, over the next several years. There is a lot of enthusiasm for a
77 community center and meeting space in Town. A website and Facebook page for the project are coming
78 in the near future, and the Farley Building Committee is very interested in offsetting the cost with
79 donations and a capital campaign.
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81 *Motion to send a letter of support to the Budget Committee – motioned by Cassandra, seconded by Jan;*
82 *motion unanimously approved.*
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84 **Historic District Commission Report:**

85 There was no report, as our HDC representative was not in attendance.
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87 **February Meeting:**

88 At the next HHC meeting we will identify major tasks to address this year, and have the election of
89 officers for 2024-25.
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92 **OTHER BUSINESS:**
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94 Dave stated that the Historical Society is thinking about what they might do for participation in the
95 country's upcoming 250th anniversary, and that it would be a good idea for the HHC to come up with
96 ideas for participation as well.
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99 The Commission entered a Non-Public Session at 8:01pm.
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NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to enter Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (l) legal – motioned by Sharon, seconded by Aurelia; motion passed unanimously.

CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to come out of Non-Public Session and seal the minutes, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (l) legal – motioned by Karla, seconded by David; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission came out of Non-Public Session at 8:48pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn at 8:48pm was made by Karla and seconded by David. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next Meeting to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, February 27th at the Town Hall.

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.