

Hollis Heritage Commission
Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: 28 November, 2017

Members Present: Honi Glover, David Sullivan, Josey MacMillan, Karla Vogel, Wendy Trimble, Michael Bates, Aurelia Perry

Members Absent: Jan Larmouth, Frank Cadwell.

Meeting: Called to order: 7:00pm

Minutes: October, 2017. Approved – motion by Karla. 2nd by Honi.

Finance: Jan's report shows that the Heritage Fund has \$1725.00; the Cooper Shop Fund has \$18,650.86. Our monthly calendar sales have been \$1430.00, and YTD calendar sales have been \$3100.00. YTD calendar sponsorship: \$4000.00. YTD calendar expenses: \$4405.00, for the printing cost. November donations to the Cooper Shop Fund: \$67.00; YTD donations: \$681.00. Expenses for November included the \$50.00 to Sharon Howe for hosting us in October, and renewing our membership in the NH Preservation Alliance for \$50.00.

Calendar: Lull Farm has sold 100 calendars, so far!

Business: Sharon Howe sent a lovely card thanking us for our donation. She says that the money will go toward painting the schoolhouse next year, and invites us back any time.

We are sorry that Ron Peik is now leaving the HHC; he's been extremely busy, and simply felt he couldn't devote the time to the Commission that he wanted to. Ron has offered to still be involved, just not as a regular member. Ron's leaving has left a regular member opening; Aurelia moved that Wendy be made regular member; Karla second, and approved.

The HHC will now be recruiting for two alternate members.

Ricardo Poirés of Custom View has very generously offered to set the Cooper Shop foundation for us, at no cost! He could potentially do the work as early as this December. The foundation is 18' x 24'.

We are looking to meet this **Saturday, December 2, at 10am** up at Woodmont to sketch out where the Cooper Shop is going to go, and outline the area for the foundation.

The Town Police Department is no longer interested in our storage container, but the Department of Public Works is.

The site walk went well. The weather was nice, and all was clear.

Honi mentioned that there are some folks coming around who are interested in interviewing older people in town, to record their stories, and they're working with the Historical Society. Honi herself is going to be interviewed tomorrow. She pointed out that the HHC did a number of such interviews awhile ago, and asked how we'd feel about sharing our book of interviews with the Historical Society?

Everybody thought that was a good idea, so she'll take the book tomorrow. It sounds like a great project, and we look forward to hearing more about it.

Honi has also been selling calendars like hotcakes!

Wendy has been training with Honi to record historic buildings that are going to be demolished; they recently did a 'demolition' of 2 Fieldstone Drive.

Josey brought up that she's been offered the donation of a cooper shop tool that had been used for scraping out the barrels, for when we have our Cooper Shop erected.

We are starting to talk about setting up a timeline of what needs to happen, month by month, to really put the Cooper Shop together. We'll also need an inventory list, looking at what parts are still good and what will need to be replaced. We are excited to learn what experts and volunteers in town can teach us, as we go through the process! We're also hoping that Ron might give input, as he has a lot of experience in these areas.

Wendy has applied to the NH Division of Historical Resources for a grant, as we've learned about and discussed in the past couple of months.

Michael has sold 10 calendars, for \$100. He reports that the Historic District Commission had an application to build a cedar storage shed, which was approved. There is an upcoming application to put in 42 new windows at a Proctor Hill property; they will be looking at that to make sure the end project will look appropriate and comply.

Dave shared that he went to the swearing-in and the retirement ceremony for Police Chief in Town, where he spoke with our friend and recent Selectman Representative Vahrij Manoukian, and Vahrij said that he feels it's important to do something good: he'd like to put his full support behind the Farley Building, and saving it. This could be an exciting partnership, and we are eager to look into the possibilities. Perhaps, since the Cooper Shop project is coming to fruition, the Farley Building could be our next project. Honi brought up that using at least part of the building for arts would be a great use; Aurelia wholly concurred: and not just visual artists, either, but music & dance One of many potentials, though we have a long way to go.

We also discussed some minor decoration of the Farley Building for the holidays, as Dave did last year: Karla moved that we buy a wreath for the porch, and Michael seconded. We also discussed lighting it with a flood, as Dave did last year. That would show the building off handsomely.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59. Motion by Karla, 2nd by Michael.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 23rd. We are skipping the busy December holidays.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.