

Candia Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting on October 11, 2007

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Attendance:

Present:, Jim Brennan, John Godfrey, Ron Thomas, Jim Lindsey

The meeting was called to order by Jon Godfrey at 7:35 PM

Correction of Minutes:

No minutes were available to review.

Monument:

Discussion was held on the re-dedication of the Soldiers Monument on November 11, 2007. Joe Silvera of American Legion Post 91 had been invited to the Oct 11 Heritage Commission meeting but did not attend. The preliminary schedule developed by Diane Philbrick was reviewed:

- Posters had been placed in several locations by Diane Philbrick
- There were no volunteers to write the press releases.
- It was suggested that the American Legion ceremony would end with an “honor guard” not a “firing squad”.
- On the “Presentation of Documentation” Jim Brennen has talked to Clark Thyng who has the documentation and Clark will deliver them to the town office next week. Jim Brennen agreed to review the documents and organize them in a suitable form for presentation at the ceremony. Jim Brennan also agreed to represent the Selectmen and present the documents to the Fitts Museum rep at the dedication.
- “Dedication Address”: Primary thought expressed by all is that the address should be brief, perhaps 3 to 4 minutes. Rica’s work should be recognized in the program but not in the address. There was a discussion of who would give the address but no agreement was reached.

Architectural Standards:

In an email from Mary Girard received on 9/29/07 she indicated she had reviewed the revised standards and they were “much better”. Mary thought the Planning Board was willing to sponsor the warrant article so a citizen petition would not be

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necessary. Mary noted her appreciation of the Heritage Commission's work on the standards.

Kim Byrd has requested that the Heritage Commission request to be on the October 18th agenda for the Planning Board in support of delegating the work on the architectural standards to the "zoning sub-committee". Jon Godfrey has emailed the request to Diane Philbrick.

Town Cleanup Project:

Judy Siemonsma on behalf of the Candia Garden Club contacted Jon Godfrey to report the garden club will be planting the 800 bulbs at the old Smyth library building, pond, gazebo, and town hall in late October and early November.

Pond Update:

Jon Godfrey is looking for volunteers to help roof the gazebo at the pond. There was discussion regarding the pond schedule, project budget and future maintenance. It was noted that the "Budget Committee" apparently has not seen fit to include money for maintenance of the new park in the 2008 budget.

Smyth Memorial Building:

Correspondence has been received from John Cole reporting that the building was registered on the "National Register of Historic Places" on September 13, 2007. Jon Godfrey sent him a letter on behalf of the Heritage Commission thanking him for his work on getting the building on the NH and National Registers.

2008 Activities

Jon Godfrey suggested we need to consider what the focus of the Heritage Commission will be for 2008.

Next meeting of the Heritage Commission – **November 8th, 2007** at the town office meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas
Secretary pro tem