

Candia Heritage Commission
Approved Minutes of October, 9, 2008

Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Carleton Robie, Jim Lindsey, Ray Cresswell, Ken Madden, Betty Sabean (Alt.) and Ron Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:30 PM.

Alternate Betty Sabean was seated as a voting member.

Guests: Carol Howe, Erika Washburn

Minutes:

The minutes of September 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers:

Motion was made and seconded to elect Jim Lindsey as Vice-Chair. Vote in favor was unanimous. The motion was adopted.

Budget:

The 2009 Heritage Commission budget:

\$1000.00 for septic design at the Old Smyth Library

\$375.00 for a Heritage Commission operating budget.

Was submitted and approved by the Selectmen. The budget moves on to a review by the Budget committee on October 23rd.

Correspondence:

Diane Philbrick noted receipt of a letter from a consultant to AT&T wireless requesting comment on their proposal to erect a wireless tower on the property at 660 North Road. Betty Sabean and Jim Lindsey will review the proposal for the Commission. Deadline for comment is 30 days.

A letter was received requesting clarification of the history of the centennial plaques by a resident who recently purchased a house with a plaque. Diane Philbrick will respond.

Open Farm Day:

Diane Philbrick visited Candia Alpaca Co and was encouraged by their progress. Diane had talked with Carol Howe regarding the concept of holding an open farm day. Carol Howe encouraged consideration of sponsoring a town wide day with open farms. Diane Philbrick noted the successful Agricultural Fair last spring at the Candia – Moore School. It may be time to extend the concept to the adult community. The objective would be to communicate that farms are not bad. Diane Philbrick suggested we think about the concept but she is not requesting action.

Ron Thomas suggested that we would need to involve a special interest group to follow through on the concept. Diane suggested that the Agricultural Day “group” might serve as a core group.

Future Priorities

Diane Philbrick asked where does the commission place our next emphasis?

- Roads and walking paths? It was noted that the Conservation Commission is working on walking paths.
- Demolition review, Ron Thomas will resurrect his work on demolition delay.
- Diane Philbrick suggested we look at East Candia. Ron Thomas suggested we review each of the village areas. A discussion ensued regarding creating the village histories.
- Ron Thomas suggested we begin planning for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of Candia. The date, December 12, 2013 not all that far away. He also suggested that given that it is 250 years we might consider a year long celebration that could involve other town organizations.

Web Site:

Diane Philbrick commented favorably on the addition of the Heritage Maps to the web site. The Commission thanks Joe Miele for his hard work in getting all of our documents on the site.

Diane Philbrick suggested that the Secretary monitor the web site for communications. The secretary so noted.

Miscellaneous:

Diane Philbrick discussed the box found in the wall of a house at 434 Critchet Rd. Jim Lindsey verified that the dates in the note match the deed history of the house. Diane opened the floor for discussion on what to do with the documents given to the Commission. Ron Thomas suggested the Commission offer the “house find” to the Fitts Museum for archiving. The Commission unanimously voted to adopt that suggestion.

A reminder, our 800 daffodils from the town wide clean-up have arrived and need to be planted. Please reserve the morning of Saturday October 25th to assist in the planting. Please contact Diane Philbrick with your commitment of time.

Next meeting – November 13, 2008, 7:30 PM at the town office meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas
Secretary