

Candia Heritage Commission

Approved Minutes of January 8, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Carleton Robie, Ray Creswell, Christine Dupere, Betty Sabeau (Alt.), Sarah Giles (alt), Carol Howe (alt) and Ron Thomas.

Absent: Jim Lindsey, Ken Madden

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:35 PM.

Alternates Betty Sabeau and Sarah Giles were seated as a voting members.

Minutes:

The minutes of November 13, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Sara Giles, a second by Christine Dupere and a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

Note: The December 11, 2008 meeting of the Commission was cancelled due to the ice storm.

Proposal to join the NH Preservation Alliance:

Diane Philbrick opened a discussion on the Heritage Commission joining the N H Preservation Alliance. There was a discussion of the benefits of joining as well as a funding source for the membership fee.

Ron Thomas moved that the Candia Heritage Commission join the NH Preservation Alliance through expenditure out of our 2009 budget. There was a second by Sara Giles. After continued discussion the question was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Brief update on activities:

Diane Philbrick reported on the number of hits on the Town web site.

The Mill documents have gone to the N H Division of Historic Resources and to the State Library.

“Lights of the Hill” was cancelled due to the December ice storm. Diane Philbrick reported that the Smyth building was beautiful and it was a shame that the public was unable to enjoy it. Many thanks go to Chris Dupere, Betty Sabeau, Jim Lindsey and Diane Philbrick for their work on the walking tour that was prepared for that night.

Copies of the registration of the Smyth building for both the N H State and National registry have been received.

Diane Philbrick has offered to do a walking tour of the “hill” for the Henry Moore School fourth grade history class.

Christine Dupere stated she will begin work on walking tour maps for other centers of Candia.

Diane Philbrick reports that the ice storm has caused major tree and some monument damage in the hill cemetery. Diane Philbrick suggested we coordinate a volunteer effort to assist in the clean up. Carleton Robie suggested that he discuss it with Richard Anderson and obtain his input as to the appropriate time for such an activity.

Demolition Review:

Ron Thomas opened a discussion of the Demolition Review documents circulated to the Commission members last November. After a discussion the Commission concluded that the same goal of preserving historical properties could be achieved without the Commission proposing rules that would be perceived as invasive of the owners’ property rights. Given the tenor of the discussion Ron Thomas moved to table any proposal for demolition review indefinitely. There was a second by Christine Dupere the motion was adopted unanimously.

The Commission will request that the code Enforcement Office notify the Heritage Commission of any permits issued for demolition. The commission will then do what it can to assess the situation and at least document any historical properties prior to demolition.

Heritage Commission Annual Report:

Diane Philbrick will write the annual report of the Commission for the Town Report.

Next meeting – Thursday **February 12, 7:30 PM** at the town office meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas
Secretary