<u>Candia Heritage Commission</u> Approved Minutes of March 12, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Carleton Robie, Betty Sabean (alt), Jim Lindsey, Diane Philbrick, Ken Madden,

Carol Howe (alt), Ray Cresswell, Christine Dupere and Sarah Giles (alt).

Absent: Ron Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:36 PM. Diane introduced guest, Nancy Maloney, Chair of Moore School Agriculture Day.

Moore School Agricultural Day

Nancy Malone described the goals and plans for Agricultural Day which is scheduled to take place May 6 with rain date, May 7, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (tentatively). Nancy described what had taken place at last year's event and what was planned thus far for this year. She asked what the Heritage Commission would be interested in doing to contribute to the day's activities. Betty distributed an outline describing how the Heritage Commission could "compare and contrast the procurement and preservation of food and clothing products..." today vs. 100 years ago. Also included could be the environmental consequences of using chemical preservatives, the use of antibiotics and growth hormones, and the current trend toward sustainability and buying fresh, local produce. Nancy was pleased with this concept. The importance of making the presentation interactive to increase interest and address different learning styles was stressed by Chris. The committee will work on refining its ideas.

Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009 as distributed.

Town-Wide Cleanup

Committee members have received their assignments. Carleton reported that he had received permission from the recycling center to dump bags of roadside litter without sorting them during the Town-Wide Cleanup. While sorting is preferred, volunteers who object to sorting should be told that it is not absolutely necessary. Carleton will arrange to get the bags to Diane who will deliver them to the library in early April. The contact person for questions and to report the completion of assignments is Chris Dupere who can be reached at the Town Clerk's office (483-5573). Calls (or e-mails) should begin around April 1st. The goal is to complete the cleanup by the end of the week in which Earth Day (April 22) falls (or Sunday, April 26), weather permitting. The commission has requested daffodils once again from NH the Beautiful ("Litter-Free NH") for participating in this program.

Agricultural Commission Status

Carol and Diane spoke with a few people in the town to see if they might be interested in starting an Agricultural Commission in the town.

Annual Monitoring of Barn Easements

Ken reported that there were currently 7 barns with easements in Candia with one application in process (Cresswell). He read off the barns which need to be monitored and assigned one or more committee members to each one, urging that this be accomplished in a timely manner. A discussion ensued regarding the background of this program, the rules and how some have become less restrictive and the reasons more people are not taking advantage of this program.

Cemetery Clean-Up from Ice Storm

Following her presentation and before she left the meeting, Nancy Maloney mentioned that the Moore School 7th and 8th graders were looking for a community project and might be willing to help with the cemetery clean-up. Carleton plans to use his chain saw to cut up some of the larger fallen pieces and will take away the cut up wood. Other volunteers who are willing to help are encouraged to do the same.

Other Business

- Most committee members have received their first issue of the NH Preservation Alliance News. Diane will follow through to be sure the names and addresses of those who have not are put on the list.
- Carleton was unable to attend the meeting concerning grants for preservation purposes but hopes to go to the next one offered.
- The Belmont Heritage Commission is offering a Community Preservation workshop on 3-27-09, 3-5 PM with dinner following from 5-7 PM. Diane plans to attend. Contact Diane if you are interested in attending.
- Ed Fowler sent Jim Lindsey a reference to a Yankee Magazine article on Vermont Sleeping Roads (class 6 roads) which Jim forwarded to other committee members. Since Candia has 3 class 6 roads, Jim thought it would be of interest to the Heritage Commission.

Next meeting – April 9, 2007, 7:30 PM at the town office meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sarah H. Giles Secretary pro tem