

Candia Heritage Commission

Approved Minutes of June 11, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick (Chair), Carleton Robie (Selectmen's representative), Christine Dupere, Carol Howe (alt), Jim Lindsey, Ken Madden, Betty Sabeau (alt), Ron Thomas
Absent: Ray Cresswell, Sarah Giles (alt),
Selectman Richard Snow was in attendance.

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were adopted by a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

Moore School Agricultural Day – Rescheduled for June 4th

Program was very well received by the students and viewed as a success by both teachers and participants. Our thanks to Betty Sabeau and Diane Philbrick for a job well done.

Logo:

Diane Philbrick presented the Logo that Christine Dupere has created for the Heritage Commission. It was favorably received by all present. Subsequently there was a discussion of using the logo on shirts to create an awareness of the Commission.

Signage:

High Street -Diane Philbrick reports that the Healy Rd. sign is “still in the works”.

Smyth Building (Old Smyth Library) - signage is being sourced by Diane Philbrick. Several printouts from Web Sites were collected. Diane will report back to the Commission.

Smyth School Site -Discussed the original site of the Candia schoolhouse now located at Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Carleton Robie and Jim Lindsey separately walked the site and seem to agree the original school house sat 10 ft. off the road where the brook runs now. The Property is owned by David DePuy. Carleton Robie agreed to discuss with the property owner the marking of the property. Some discussion was had of asking Sturbridge Village about copies of documents and pictures related to the dismantling and moving of the school house. Christine Dupere will research the town records for documentation.

East Candia - No progress was reported.

Next Walking Tour:

East Candia was suggested as the next walking tour. Jim Lindsey asked if anyone had knowledge of the older families in East Candia. Peter Hapney's name was mentioned as a possible source of information.

Christine Dupere agreed to work on a map. Diane Philbrick will work on the cemetery. Diane suggested we need someone to research the shoe industry in East Candia. No one leapt at the opportunity.

Fitts Museum summer open Saturdays:

Diane Philbrick suggested the Commission participate in the Museum's interest in a walking tour. The walking tour of the "Hill" needs correcting, that will be researched by Jim Lindsey and we will place the tour in the Fitts Museum for the summer.

Ron Thomas suggested we include the "Tour" in the information box at the "Soldiers Monument" the Commission agreed.

Candia Old Home Day:

Old Home Day is scheduled for August 29th.

Christine Dupere showed the drawing she created for the 100th anniversary of the Fitts Museum and suggested we duplicate and sell them at Old Home day.

Bowman House Demolition:

The old house is empty. Diane Philbrick has requested permission to photograph the interior. Christine Dupere will work with Ray Cresswell to document the house.

New Business:

Diane Philbrick opened a discussion of the 250th anniversary, the Semiquincentennial, of Candia in 2013.

- Semiquincentennial - 250 years , Variation: Bicenquingenary was used by Princeton University in 1996, and by Washington and Lee University in 1999
- Diane has discussed with Moore School having the fourth grade involved as a history project. Mention was made of creating a Candia History in song.
- Ron Thomas moved that the Heritage Commission begin the organization of the 250th anniversary celebration and that we invite other organizations and individuals to join in the effort. There was a second by Chris Dupere. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Next meeting – Thursday July 9, 2009, 7:30 PM at the town office meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas
Secretary