

Candia Heritage Commission

Approved Minutes of November 12, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Jim Lindsey, Ray Cresswell, Betty Sabeau (alt), Sarah Giles (alt) Carol Howe (alt), Ron Thomas

Absent: Ken Madden, Christine Dupere, Carleton Robie (Selectmen's representative).

Guests: Dick Snow, Pat Larkin

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:33 PM

Minutes:

- The minutes of September 9, 2009 and October 10, 2009 were approved as recorded.

Smyth Schoolhouse Project:

- Pat Larkin attended to participate in the discussion regarding the Old Smyth School currently at Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Diane Philbrick reported on the research trip she and Ray Cresswell took to Sturbridge Village. They returned with copies of the original photos taken during the dismantling, and moving done in 1955 and the reconstruction completed in 1961 by Sturbridge Village. The Candia Improvement Club placed a sign at the original site of the Schoolhouse (Jct. of North Rd. and Podunk Rd.). The sign has since disappeared.
- Diane Philbrick displayed some linoleum print blocks of the school, created by Dot Frost and loaned to the Commission by Jody Frost.
- Ray Cresswell suggested a project for contemporary students involving the interpretation of the graffiti preserved on the original desks in the schoolhouse.

Daffodil Planting:

- Daffodils were planted by the Garden Club and Diane Philbrick (only CHC member present and digging):
 - Completed the wall for the Holbrook cemetery along Rt. 43.
 - Planted around the Congregational Church and the Hill schoolhouse
 - Planted Schoolhouse No.1
 - Added bulbs to the Soldiers Monument
 - Added bulbs to the Town Hall
 - Planted bulbs at the exit 3 sign

Liberty Elm:

- Dick Snow reported that he has taken the offer from the Elm Institute (Sept. 10, 2009 meeting minutes) to Boy Scout troop 120. They are considering the project. A suggestion was made that they consider planting a tree on the corner of the Old Smyth Library lot at the junction of South Rd and the cutoff to Rt.27 East.

Lights on the Hill

- Diane Philbrick reported that Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, the 13th are the scheduled days for this year's "Lights on the Hill". This will be an opportunity for the Commission to gain public exposure for our work. We will distribute the Hill walking tour pamphlet and map as well as discuss the objectives and purpose of the Commission with attendees. Diane Philbrick circulated a sign up sheet for members to be present for 2 hour tours of duty. Diane Philbrick also suggested a project for the young people of creating linoleum block prints of the old library using blocks loaned by Jody Frost.

Signage Smyth Building:

- There appears to be a need to confirm with the Selectboard funding for the purchase of a replacement sign. Diane Philbrick led a discussion of the sign purchase. Sarah Giles agreed to analyze the costs of the various suppliers and their offerings and report with a recommendation at our next meeting.

East Candia:

- Boyd Chivers (who has agreed to apply for the east Candia roadside historical marker) reports the wording of the sign will be his winter project. Diane Philbrick suggested we should focus on East Candia in January of 2010.

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- Moore School 4th grade project is full speed ahead. They have begun the interview process of historically knowledgeable Candia citizens.
- The Semiquincentennial Committee reports that they will begin contacting Candia organizations in January of 2010. Dick Snow supplied the committee with a copy of the 1963 Bicentennial program booklet. Pat Larkin suggested that the Fitts Museum may have a copy of the script for the historical pageant presented as a part of the 1963 celebration.

Other business

- Dick Snow raised a discussion of uses for the Smyth building.
- Dick Snow reported that the new Cemetery Trustees are coming up to speed with their responsibilities.
- Ron Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Lindsey. The vote was in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas
Secretary