

Candia Heritage Commission

Approved Minutes of September 9, 2010

Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Ron Thomas. Carol Howe (alt), Dick Snow (Selectmen's Representative in place of Carleton Robie)

Absent: Carleton Robie, Ray Cresswell, Christine Dupere, Ken Madden, Sarah Giles (alt)

Guest: Boyd Chivers

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

Alternates: Carol Howe was seated as a voting member:

Minutes:

The minutes of June 10, 2010 and July 8, 2010 meetings were approved on a motion by Betty Sabean, a second by Diane Philbrick and a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

East Candia Projects:

Betty Sabean submitted a final revision of the East Candia walking tour. The document is now waiting formatting by Mimi Alberu and the map by Christine Dupere.

Boyd Chivers asked about the State Marker. Ron Thomas responded that it has been approved by the NH Division of Historical Resources and has been placed in the queue for review by the State DOT in late 2010. It is expected that the marker will be installed in 2013 or sooner. Boyd suggested that it be placed in the triangle of Langford and depot Roads. Boyd also suggested that the watering trough also be moved to the triangle. There was a discussion regarding the interested parties as related to the trough location. Dick Snow agreed to discuss the location with Road Agent Dennis Lewis, Boyd Chivers agreed to meet with the landowner where the trough is currently located.

Ron Thomas will follow up with the State of NH regarding the Marker.

Old Home Day:

Diane Philbrick spent the afternoon at The Fitts Museum. She was able to have discussions with several interested people. In her opinion the time was better spent there than at a booth at Moore Park. During the afternoon Cynthia Mowles who lived on Old Deerfield Rd. recalled the existence of a shoe shop next to their house. A fact to be recalled perhaps in a walking tour of the "Candia Village area".

Lights on the Hill:

Diane Philbrick announced that the Commission had received an invitation to participate in this years "Lights on the Hill" on December 11th and 12th. Betty Sabean moved that the Commission accept the invitation; Seconded by Dick Snow the vote was unanimous. Diane Philbrick reminded the Commission that Carleton Robie and Betty Sabean carried the major burden of talking with people at last years event and suggested more commission members find time in their schedule to participate in this years event.

Smyth Building:

Dick Snow mentioned the availability of a flyer offering a sign acknowledging the registration of the building in the “NH Register of Historic Places”. Dick Snow also discussed his intention of applying for a grant from the Preservation Alliance to do a preservation assessment of the building. Diane Philbrick suggested that grants may be available for the buildings rehabilitation.

Report on the Semiquincentennial:

A meeting of interested parties was held on July 29th. Many activities were suggested and interest remains high in scheduling individual organization activities during the semiquincentennial year. The next meeting for those interested in participating is scheduled for September 30th at 7:00PM in the Town Hall meeting room.

Candia Moore School 4th Grade Historical Tour:

On Thursday September 23rd. the Moore School fourth grade will begin it's year of NH Civics with a visit to the Fitts Museum and a bus tour of Candia's historical “centers”. Diane Philbrick requested the assistance of Commission members in conducting the tour. Betty Sabeau indicated she would check her calendar. Any other Commission members able to assist should contact Diane at 483-8239.

Stone Wall Ordinance:

A request from Hooksett NH prompted a discussion of Candia's “Stone Wall Ordinance”. In the past the commission had issued commendations to homeowners who have preserved and improved their roadside stone walls. Diane Philbrick suggested we review additional walls with commendations in mind. She will discuss stone wall compliance and improvement with Road Agent Dennis Lewis and report back to the Commission. The creation of a town wide stone wall inventory was discussed. Dick Snow offered that the town has subscribed to the NH 2011 aerial photographs and that they might be used to perform such an inventory. The commission agreed to put stonewalls back in our 5 year preservation plan.

2011 Town Budget

Dick Snow mentioned that our 2011 budget was due in the Selectmen's office by September 15th. We noted an apparent lack of communications on that requirement, however, the Commission discussed its projected budget and agreed to submit a \$600.00 figure to cover the Old Symth School site signage and the East Candia Project expenses. Diane Philbrick will contact the Selectmen's office to submit the necessary paperwork.

Rockingham County Newspaper Project:

Diane Philbrick led a discussion on what to do with the information we obtained in our review of old Rockingham News articles. No conclusions were reached the discussion will be continued.....

Next meeting – Thursday October 14, 2010, 7:30 PM at the town office meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted

Ron Thomas. Secretary