

## **Candia Heritage Commission**

### **Approved Minutes of November 4, 2010** **Held at the Smyth Building 194 High Street**

#### **Attendance:**

Present: Diane Philbrick, Carleton Robie (Selectmen's Representative), Ray Cresswell, Betty Sabean, Ken Madden, Ron Thomas.

Sarah Giles (alt), Carol Howe (alt),

Absent: Christine Dupere, Guests: Pat Larkin, Amanda Soares (Selectman)

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:42 after a tour of the Smyth Building.

The meeting agenda focused on an assessment of renovations required to make the Smyth building useable. Diane Philbrick gave out a work sheet for the evenings meeting:

#### **Assessment of Smyth Building Renovation:**

##### **1. Incentives to renovate:**

Building has historic value has been listed in the US & NH register of Historic Places.

Currently vacant and unused, requires renovation to meet current building codes for occupancy.

##### **2. Possible Uses:**

Meeting place for community activities

Storage

Rental Hall

Town office space

Lease for commercial use. (Carleton Robie suggested that the town is not in the real estate business)

Annex to Fitts Museum

Social or Community Center

American Legion Post 91 hall

Garden Club meeting, work and storage facility

##### **3. Major Renovation Items:**

Septic System – 12 - 15K

Well – 5 - 6K

Handicapped access ramp or Elevator – 5K

Bathroom on main floor

Evaluate windows- Window replacement – 6K

**4. Lesser \$ Items**

Flooring rehabilitation  
Removal of bookcases  
Upgrade alarm system  
Upgrade front door  
Upgrade wiring  
Evaluate carpet downstairs.

**5. Accomplish in stages or all at once**

No discussion

**6. Finance- Town support / seek grant :**

Diane Philbrick suggested that NH Preservation Alliance and/or Federal grants might be out there for construction grants.

**7. Oversee project---Heritage Commission + \_\_\_\_\_:**

It was noted that the project would be under the control of the Board of selectmen. Ron Thomas proposed that the project be placed under a separate group organized by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose and the group be composed of selected members of interest groups here in town. Dick Snow presented a suggested makeup for such a group that would represent a number of town organizations.

**8. Site Manager:**

First must create a total plan.

**9. Contractors for the work:**

Discussed giving the work to town contractors but it was suggested that it would go out to bid.

**10. Town information and support: Website/ boy Scout packet / Lights on the Hill / public meetings / warrant article**

Banner ( Dan O'Brian), Forum, Contact groups to provide input for use.

**11. Cost Comparison – renovation of old vs. build new:**

Diane Philbrick expressed an opinion that renovation of the building would ultimately be more advantages to new construction when the town needed more space.

**12. Other:**

Ken Madden moved that the Commission request Selectman Robie to request that the Select Board fund money from the 2010 budget for a septic system design for the Smyth Building. Second by Carol Howe. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion was adopted. Selectman Robie will approach the Select Board at their next meeting.

**There was a discussion fo creating plans but no conclusions were reached.**

**Next meeting** – Thursday **December 9, 2010, 7:30 PM** at the town office meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Ron Thomas

Secretary