

## Candia Heritage Commission

### Approved Minutes of December 9, 2010 Held at the Smyth Memorial Building 194 High Street

#### Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Amanda Soares (Selectmen's Representative) Ray Cresswell, Betty Sabean, Sarah Giles (alt), Ron Thomas.

Absent: Carleton Robie, Ken Madden, Christine Dupere, Carol Howe (alt)

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:34 P.M.

Alternates: Sarah Giles was seated as a voting member.

Guests: Pat Larkin, Al Couch, Hans Rothwangle, Mimi Alberu, Susan Wilderman, Dick snow, Judi Lindsey, Jim Lindsey.

#### Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion by Diane Philbrick and a second by Sarah Giles and a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Sarah Giles and a second by Ron Thomas and a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

#### Diane Philbrick opened discussion regarding future use and rehabilitation of the "Smyth Memorial Building":

It was noted that many guests were members of the Conservation Commission. Susan Wilderman suggested that the Commission could use space to store Commission records.

Sarah Giles suggested that we should complete a plan before opening the property to storage.

Hans Rothwangle commented that the building has stood vacant for eight years and it is a waste of a resource

Al couch noted that uses of the Smyth Memorial Building have been the subject of at least two surveys taken at town meetings. Amanda Soares reported that the surveys were among the missing.

Diane Philbrick opened a discussion of the structure of a group to plan and oversee the renovation of the building. Dick Snow suggested creating a subcommittee of

the Heritage commission to do the planning and rehabilitation that would report through the Heritage commission to the Board of Selectmen.

Betty Sabeau commented that she would like to see a warrant article for the rehabilitation on this years town meeting warrant. Al Couch commented that whenever we ask for money it needs a purpose. At this point we have not established a use for the Smyth Building. Dick Snow suggested we need to state three or four purposes and those could change. He also asked if the Smyth Library Association has old studies of the building.

Sarah Giles asked where the Town stands in regards to the building? Diane Philbrick responded that the Board of Selectmen has approved the expenditure for a septic design and well location. That study is currently underway. There was a brief discussion of why we couldn't use the current system. It has been determined that the current system is small and unsuitable for future use. There currently is no well and water is tapped off the church well.

Dick Snow suggested that we obtain a plan/assessment of the building and that we obtain a Preservation Alliance L-Chip block grant. He commented that the Heritage Commission doesn't want the building destroyed, therefore, we need an assessment for preservation.

Sarah Giles moved that Diane Philbrick contact the Preservation Alliance to ascertain the steps necessary for a building assessment. Seconded by Amanda Soares, the vote was unanimously in favor with all voting.

Diane Philbrick opened a discussion of how we should publicize our efforts. Sarah Giles suggested we keep it low key until we know the ground rules and have a better idea of how we plan to proceed..

Diane Philbrick noted that the only time the building has been open is at "Lights on the Hill". During that celebration the Heritage Commission has had the opportunity to publicize its activities. As a reminder, "Lights on the Hill" is scheduled for December 11th and 12th. 4 PM until 8 PM each day. Members of the Commission are scheduled to be in attendance.

**Next meeting – Thursday \_January 13, 2011, 7:30 PM at the Smyth Memorial Building.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Ron Thomas  
Secretary