

## Candia Heritage Commission

### Approved Minutes of January 13, 2011 Held at the Smyth Memorial Building 194 High Street

#### Attendance:

Present: Diane Philbrick, Ray Cresswell, Betty Sabean, Ron Thomas.  
Sarah Giles (alt), Carol Howe (alt)  
Absent: Carleton Robie (Selectmen's Representative), Christine Dupere,  
Ken Madden  
Carleton Robie attended after completion of the Budget Committee meeting.  
Guest: Ed Fowler

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Diane Philbrick at 7:32 P.M.

Alternates: Sarah Giles and Carol Howe were seated as voting members.

#### Minutes:

The corrected minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Carol Howe, a second by Sarah Giles and a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

#### Discussion of December 20, 2010 Meeting with Maggie Stier:

Maggie Stier, Field Representative of the NH Preservation Alliance met with members of the Candia Heritage Commission at the Smyth Memorial Building to discuss the steps necessary to preserve and rehabilitate the building for reuse. Although the building can be maintained and cleaned up by volunteers, she suggested we obtain professional help in preparing the building for public use. It appears we would need a building and fire code analysis, an ADA accessibility analysis and a feasibility assessment before beginning any work.

Ms. Stier noted grants are available for assessments through the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the NH Preservation Alliance. The time line for a rehabilitation of this type would normally be two to three years or longer.

#### Board of Selectmen Action:

Diane Philbrick reported that the Board of Selectmen have encumbered \$2500.00 to be used as matching funds for a grant for the planning of the Smyth Memorial Building rehabilitation. Diane Philbrick also reported that the well and septic system design for the Smyth Memorial Building is underway.

Betty Sabean moved that the Commission thank Carleton Robie for his efforts in obtaining the money for both the septic design and the matching grant moneys from the Board of Selectmen. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote was unanimous to thank Carleton Robie for his efforts.

**Annual Heritage Commission Report:**

Diane Philbrick reviewed her proposed annual report. There were a few suggestions which Diane noted.

**Smyth Memorial Building:**

There was a discussion of the history of the Smyth Memorial Building. Ed Fowler suggested we put a request in the Hooksett Banner asking people who have recollections or memories of the “Old Smyth Library” building to share them with the Candia Heritage Commission.

**National Trust Preservation Funds:**

The remainder of the meeting was spent working of the application for a National Trust Preservation Funds grant to be submitted by Candia Heritage Commission on behalf of the Town of Candia.

**Grant application work meeting:**

A grant work meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2011 at the Smyth Memorial Building.

**Next meeting – Thursday February 10, 2011, 7:30 PM at the town office meeting room.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Ron Thomas  
Secretary