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CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 14, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Diane Philbrick, Sandra Whitcomb, Carol Howe, Betty Sabean, Holly Haas, Russ Dann-Selectmen's rep, and Lorraine Briand. Absent: Carmelle Druchniak, Dave Desilets, and Ray Cresswell.

Diane opened the meeting at 7:05, preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance recited outside.

The May 10th minutes were accepted after Diane stated a typo. Lorraine noted the correction.

Discussion of the agenda is as follows:

- Review of Village Project and Candia Auburn interview—Diane reported that Darrell Halen from the Union Leader/Candia Auburn Post interviewed Lorraine, Dave and herself to expand on the background of the Village tour and how the project materialized. Darrell asked questions and took pictures. The newspaper wants to publish in this week's paper.
- There was much discussion about the availability of the brochure other than online. The library seemed a logical place--should we charge--how much? Carol motioned to make them available at the library for the cost of \$2 ea. Betty amended the motion to also make available "The Hill" and "East Candia" for \$2 ea or \$5 for the set. The motion was seconded and passed. Diane will contact Heidi to confirm the availability of the brochures and work out the details. Russ suggested they also be available at the SMB on Saturday the 18th during the open house of the SMB, the Fitts Museum and the dedication of the Hearse House (1:00-4:00) . Diane reported Al Couch purchased the sign to be used for SMB open houses.
- Diane presented us with a copy of the history of the Candia hearse, which she compiled from a 2011 interview with Thelma Weeks. It contains some interesting and very different practices in town government and the financing of the hearse. In 1932 Eugene Barrett was the last body to be transported in the hearse. The hearse was then put into storage until the Candia Historical Society purchased it.
- Diane received info from Carmelle and Catherine Sangillo regarding the website. The slide show has been updated to include the "Photo Gallery" of vintage photos and the Best of 2016 features photos of The Village Tour dedication.
- Betty Sabean stated that the Candia Action groups have been meeting and groups are willing to move forward with their individual projects. All 5 groups will work and meet with their respective groups and again in 6 mos. at which time all groups will share their progress. Betty's group is Mapping, Trails and Historical Resources. A UNH student who

is interested in seeing this is as a state wide project has volunteered to help and guide them through the process.

- Cemetery trustees—Holly reported that the trustees are in the process of working through the issues of acquiring the digital software program. The tree removal will begin this summer in the Depot Rd. E. Candia private cemetery. One of the trees near a Revolutionary War Soldier's slate tombstone has some sort of wire wrapped and imbedded in it and there is fear that the tree will fall and topple the stone. The trustees will contact AT&T or Verizon to remove the utility wire. As acting Sexton, Carleton Robie is working with the boy scouts to plan a clean-up session.
- SMB basement—Diane reported that the stripping of the carpet and the cleaning is complete. The windows are continually being worked on and some storms have been placed.
- Library Trustees—Micah Fultz has volunteered to work jointly with the "Friends' of the Library" to continue the history of Smyth library.
- Ray has been working on the Depot walking tour. Diane received a printout with the addresses and names of present owners. Sandra has volunteered to help Ray on this project. They have gathered photos of the old Depot with a locomotive at the station.
- Betty inquired if we are to refurbish and clean the Soldier's monument across the street. It needs to be tended to about every 3 years. Betty will contact ATS to see if they will again provide the staging necessary to complete the task. The Steven Clay B n B has provided us with water in the past. We will complete these plans at our July meeting.
- It was mentioned that the back side of the Village sign looks unfinished. Lorraine is to contact Frank to see what he can provide to have a more finished look.
- Carol asked if anyone has plans to use the hearse for anything in town-maybe OHD parade. No one has any knowledge of such. Sandra inquired if the commission would be interested in making copies of a photo she has of the hearse. There was discussion of printing it as a post card and adding the date the hearse was built and when it was retired. Sandra will look into the cost and the possibility of having them done in 3 days.
- July meeting to be held on the 12th.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Briand, Acting Secretary