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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carmelle Druchniak, Carol Howe, Lorraine Briand, David Desilets, Sandra Whitcomb, Betty Sabean, and Holly Haas.

Absent : Ray Creswell, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's July meeting were approved.

Updates:

Sandy hosted visitors to the SMB during August's Old Home Day, and will open the building for visitors again on Saturday Sept. 17.

The refurbished Moore School weathervane was put in place in early August, and several members hoped the town residents responsible for the work would be recognized.

Website Updates

Carmelle will send missing agendas and minutes to the town webmaster, for placement on the Heritage Commission site. She also will relay the Hill Walking Tour, ensure Commission membership is updated, and provide info/photos of the hearse building dedication.

Civil War Soldier's Monument Waxing

The work is contingent on locating staging, and will include washing and waxing the statue, to preserve it from the elements. Diane agreed to look into providing staging and Betty is taking the lead on doing the work the week of Sept 19, with the help of Jessie Remington HS students.

Depot Walking Tour

The property owner has agreed to accommodate the roadside sign – Carmelle is contacting someone at Eversource to see if the company will drill the hole for the sign.

Ray continues to work on the copy and this tour will rely heavily on the abundance of historical photos we have of the area.

SMB Trustee report

Diane showed members the work done to date on the Smyth Memorial Building in advance of the start of the meeting, including renovation of the back office. She also announced the Smyth Library book sale will be held in the SMB Oct 22.

Update on Cemetery Trustees

Holly reported the budget is in good shape and will hopefully include \$3,000 for software to digitize records, making it easier to locate markers and specific individuals in cemeteries in Candia.

Walking Trails Mapping

Diane reported those working on the joint project – which includes the town master planning profile committee charged with recreational resources, and the Conservation Commission, as well as the Heritage Commission – have concluded that a “map my walk’ app is needed to complete the work. Selectmen have contacted the University of New Hampshire to explore options.

In other business:

- Carmelle is on the Master Planning Advisory committee and has a scheduling conflict with the Heritage Commission. Diane suggested the Heritage group change meeting dates to the third Tues of the month.
- Lights on the Hill is scheduled for Saturday Dec 10.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak