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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY January 10 2017  
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**Present:**

Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, David Desilets, Holly Haas, Ray Creswell, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann

**Absent:** Carol Howe, Lorraine Briand, Sandra Whitcomb

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes approved**

Minutes from the commission's November meeting were approved.

**Updates from Chairman**

Diane updated members on the Annual Report write-up (which rec apped activities and initiatives) and members also were pleased with the turn-out at the December Lights on the Hill event.

**Depot Project**

The Depot Project continues to chug along (get it?). Diane has contacted several state entities to explore the installation of an information kiosk. She also discovered that the state owns the small parcel where the kiosk will be located, so the search continues for the appropriate contact to discuss options and get the necessary permissions to remove several bushes in the area where the kiosk would be erected.

**Trail Mapping**

Betty went to a preliminary training session hosted by the University of New Hampshire, the state Forestry Department and other departments. She discovered NH and VT are cooperating on a program to use GPS to map trailers. That initiative is very involved, but Candia can proceed with its own simplified strategy to map local trails. Carmelle suggested a good first step (get it?) is to inventory what trails exist and prioritize them for mapping.

**Moore School Weathervane**

Diane contacted Sis Richter, who provided some background on the weathervane and its history. There is hope that the local group responsible for its refurbishment would agree to some local publicity, and Dave was asked to research past town reports to gather more info on this local landmark.

**Soldiers Monument**

Diane informed members she had added info on the recent waxing and restoration to the folder in the Smyth Public Library. Dave offered a recent Yankee magazine article on similar monuments to also include in the folder.

### **Smyth Memorial Building Trustees Report**

Diane reported the back room has been painted and looks wonderful!

### **Update on Cemetery Trustees**

Holly announced the hiring of a sexton, and she is also now using the newly purchased software to catalogue graves, cemeteries and related information. The database will make it possible for residents and others to locate specific graves.

Other items discussed:

- Diane noted the Smyth Public Library history needs updating. Dot Purington's history ends at 1990, and there have been no updates since.
- The town clean-up is approaching, and there was much discussion of how to engage and motivate residents to clean up this year. Boyd Chivers has suggested a blue trash bag be included in the Town Meeting informational package delivered to each residence and Carmelle suggested we offer 'prizes' of a nursery gift certificate to people who collect the most trash. The group will revisit the topic at the next meeting. Diane has learned of the NH Preservation Alliance's initiative to save old barns, and the group discussed how to inform Candia residents who have a barn in need of repair of the existence of funding to cover the cost.
- Dave announced that he will not seek re-appointment at the conclusion of his three-year term next month. He will be busy doing historical research on railroads and so will not have the time to serve.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak*