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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY April 11 2017
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Lorraine Briand, Carol Howe, Ray Creswell, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann, Holly Haas
Absent: Sandra Whitcomb

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's March meeting were approved – they are posted on the website

Town Clean Up April 1-22

Diane noted that compared to other years, there has been much more publicity (via the Banner and the Forum) and increased visibility (signage at the school, town offices, and via the Candia Woman's Club roadside signs). Blue bags are available at the library and town offices.

Moore School weathervane

Diane approached Matt Woodrow about a brief history program for Moore School 4th graders and a dedication of the refurbished vane. The school board has yet to weigh in on the proposal, and it was suggested that the Commission approach the principal directly.

Depot Road Walking Tour/Kiosk Project

Holly reported on her research, explaining the state-owned parcel that would accommodate the proposed kiosk is appraised at a little over \$8,000, and it was agreed that the town likely would not consider that purchase. After much discussion of alternatives – putting the kiosk on an adjacent, privately-owned parcel, for example – Holly said she will approach the state about donating the small parcel to the town. She will report back at the next meeting.

Possible Veterans Memorial?

In reporting on the cemetery trustees' activities, Holly told the commission she had been asked why the town lacks a veterans' memorial. (Diane said she had been recently asked about this as well.) The Civil War statute notes various wars (from the Revolutionary War to the Korean War), but someone had asked about the possibility of a memorial listing the names of all Candia veterans. Russ will check on the ownership the parcel where the Civil War statue stands (is it town owned?) and Holly will visit the site to learn what information is included around the statue's base. All agreed this would be a worthwhile project for the commission.

In other business:

- Diane escorted commission members to the Smyth Memorial Building's back room to show them the recent renovation work and the chandelier that was recently installed. Kudos to the SMB Trustees!
- Work on the history of the Smyth Library (from 1990-2017) continues – Betty has continued to research the library, and will soon be visiting the Fitts Museum to review information there, then will write a draft for further review.
- The NH Preservation Alliance is hosting a daylong seminar Friday April 21. Diane urged members who are interested to attend.
- Barn easement forms were turned in by several commission members. A few more barn inspections will be done in the next week or so.
- Did Candia ever have a Town Pound, and if so, where is it? Carol will research and report back.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak