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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY May 9 2017
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Lorraine Briand, Carol Howe, Ray Creswell, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann, Holly Haas
Guests: Joe LeMarche, Tom and Mary Hayes, Caleb Harris

Before the meeting, members met at the Civil War Soldier's Monument to determine what veterans/military monuments or tributes are located nearby.

The solidier's monument includes mention of the Revolutionary War, The French Indian War (1756) the War of 1812, the Mexican War (1847), and World War I

There is no specific monument or mention of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War or other recent engagements.

There is a significant World War I memorial (listing names) and a nearby plaque that honors Candia men and women who have served in all wars (up to WWI)

After the meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the group gathered in the Smyth Memorial Building and discussed how to recognize Candia men and women who have been killed in action, or are veterans or active duty military.

Tom Hayes of the local American Legion post joined the discussion, and noted that the flags on local graves on Memorial Day are placed there by the Boy Scout troop. Some are marked as veterans, a few have the marble tombstone designating them as such. Holly also noted she is updating cemetery records and this will include veterans' info.

Until a decision is reached as to how to proceed, and Russ asks fellow selectmen for their thoughts, Betty and Diane will clean up the area around the two monuments that do exist in time for Memorial Day.

Minutes approved

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

Roadside CleanUp Evaluation

Compared to other years, there was 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). Still, Carol and Carmelle suggested the clean up be adopted as a service project by town groups? Or that it take place on one day?

More will be discussed at a later meeting. Carmelle will send a pic and write-up to the Banner and Forum to recap the 2017 effort.

School weathervane

On May 26, a morning program on local history will be presented for Moore School 4th graders and later in the day, students will attend a dedication of the refurbished weathervane. The local residents who worked on the local landmark will be present.

Depot Road Walking Tour/Kiosk Project

Holly is awaiting a response from a Dept of Transportation contact about the small parcel identified as the potential location of a small kiosk. She will report back at the next meeting.

In other business:

- Barn easement visits and paperwork have been completed and a new barn has been added to the list: Clark and Rhonda Thyng's barn.
- Betty continues to work on the history of the Smyth Library (from 1990-2017).
- Diane urged members to attend a "Get Out, Candia!" event May 10 sponsored by the Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission, and the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways group (Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland.) The focus will be conservation lands and walking trails in town.
- Holly asked if the Commission would consider creating a float for the Old Home Day parade. She noted the parade needs many more participants to make it worthwhile.
- Holly's report on the cemetery commission included a request to the Candia Garden Club (directed at Garden Club member Lorraine) for floral wreaths on the cemetery gates (various locations).
- Russ agreed to suggest to the Selectmen that the 2017 Town Report be dedicated to Heritage Commission member Sandra Whitcomb, who recently passed away.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak