

Candia Heritage Commission unapproved minutes. April 2, 2013

Attendance: Diane Philbrick (chair) , Betty Sabean, Carol Howe, Ray Cresswell, Carleton Robie (selectmen's rep)

Guests: Al Couch, Dennis Lewis, Boyd Chivers, Andy Maloney

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted

The chair initially addressed the interests of the guests.

EAST CANDIA STATE HIGHWAY MARKER

Boyd Chivers questioned the status of the East Candia marker, expressing concern that the request was made 2 years ago and our intended installation of 2013 is now here. He would like to have an assured date so that the well stone and watering trough can be appropriately placed in the triangle. Diane said that the state is asking for history sources for each statement on the two-sided sign. Boyd will review his original wording (now significantly changed) to check his sources.

HIGH STREET SIGN AND TIME CAPSULE

Dennis Lewis pledged the painting and installation of the long awaited multi-directional sign at the corner of High Street and Healey Road.

Dennis also wants to find the time capsule buried at the Smyth Memorial Building during the Bicentennial celebration. He has a general idea of its location but plans to use a metal detector. Opening of the capsule is intended as part of the Semiquincentennial celebration.

SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Andy Maloney came to express interest in assisting the SMB project. An extended conversation amongst commission members and guests brought out several suggestions: 1) Voters want to know how the building is going to be used. A list of potential uses would be very beneficial. 2) An account of capital gifts and pledges of services would substantiate town backing of the project. 3) A working relationship with Jesse Remington High School could be mutually beneficial, providing help with the project for the town and providing building use for the school.

Andy volunteered to create a survey that could help answer the question of building use.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

The commission authorized the membership fee to the Alliance.

SMYTH SCHOOLHOUSE MARKER

Dennis Lewis offered to help finish the area around the granite marker. Diane will contact Steve Taylor to coordinate a dedication of the marker with his presentation on One Room Schoolhouses, May 28.

SEMIQ PETITION DAY MARCH 22

Communication of town events proves very difficult. Too many townspeople were unaware of this outstanding event. Linda Thomas and the committee are credited with an excellent job.

The next event is Sept. 21. The Commission will be involved in town bus tours and walking tours. The drama presentation begun on March 22 will conclude on Dec. 13.

SemiQ medallions have all been sold and are now reordered; there are still calendars available; the Mill Books are almost all sold. There initially were 50.

BARN EASEMENTS

Ray Cresswell assigned the annual review of barns to members. These reports are due at our next meeting, May 7.

ALL TOWN ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Contact lists for the cleanup were assigned.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO

NHPR has contacted 13 towns in NH that are celebrating their 250th anniversaries. Diane will repond.

Meeting adjourned 8:55

NEXT MEETING: MAY 7