

2013 July  
CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY JULY 9, 2013 – 7PM  
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carol Howe, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Carleton Robie,  
Ray Cresswell

Guests: Andy Maloney, Sandy Whitcomb

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes approved**

Minutes from the commission's June meeting were approved.

### **Update on Smyth and history writing surveys**

Andy had proposed distributing a survey to town groups to determine how the Smyth Memorial Building might be used by these groups.

He reported 50 surveys have been completed and they continue to be received, so he encouraged commission members to continue to distribute the document.

He also continues to reach out to people to help write/update the town history. The plan is to publish the book by March – deadline for submissions is early fall – but there is little info on the length of submissions.

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### **Waxing Soldiers' Monument**

Andy reported that a veterans group in town has volunteered to help him, Betty and Carleton wax the statue; however, Carleton was opposed to such assistance and stated he would rescind his offer of a lift if outside persons took part in the project. Discussion ensued and the group agreed to revisit the question to allow Carleton to rethink the original restoration plan.

### **Smyth Open House – Saturday, July 20 and August 17**

The Smyth Memorial Building will be open in conjunction with scheduled open house events at the Fitts Museum, July 20 and Aug. 17.

## **Sept. 21 SemiQ events**

The commission discussed participation in the SemiQ event day, Sept. 21.

An East Candia tour likely would require a map of some sort; Betty and Carmelle will work on that, and Ray will do a presentation on weaponry/muskets, but after further discussion, it was agreed the SemiQ committee should decide from a long list of events which would be on the final schedule. The commission will then choose which activities it might oversee/support.

NOTE -- Carleton pointed out the commission should ask Selectmen to use the Smyth Building on that date, and for other events, since it is town property. He indicated he would raise the question at the July 22 board meeting.

## **Other business**

- The book on “Water Powered **Mill Sites in Candia, New Hampshire**” is sold out, and it was agreed we will print an additional 50 copies.
- In connection with the East Candia historical marker, the commission discussed the need to contact the resident who owns the property that includes the water trough.
- Sandy submitted a list of potential Smyth Memorial Building fundraising events, based on her research and discussion with locals and others.
- Sandy also provided the commission with a flyer from a local contractor interested in doing work on the SMB.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Heritage Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10.