Members present: Kathie Northrup, John Giotas, Jim Sullivan (council rep). Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Head School.

Minutes of 3/5/20, John moved acceptance, Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. KN reported on receipts - $337 (since January)

2. KN reported on expenses July 1, 2019-April 2020. Jim moved to expend $1,255.85, John seconded. Voucher includes afghans (regular order plus overrun, speaker fee for Chinooks speaker for NH History month, plus miscellaneous expenses.

3. Delivery charges for map, approved expense under grant. Mileage $88.16. Motion to approve John, Jim 2nd. Unanimously approved.


Review Assignments:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

See after Old Business:

OLD BUSINESS:

Moose Plate Grant

Received the first part of the money. Conservator also under stay-at-home order in VT so no progress.

Hooksett Heritage Day/Month

Because of Covid19 health crisis, our NH Humanities barn program in May was cancelled. Instead the HC offered a History Scavenger Hunt using our historic roadside markers. All principals sent the announcement out to parents. 15 entries; very favorable comments received. Prizes awarded to each entrant. Robie’s Country Store Historic Preservation Corp. donated 2 ornaments, ConsComm donated a t-shirt.
Head School

Kathie noticed that the town is planning an en masse painting project. She asked DPW Director if the outhouse and trim on Head’s could be included. It’s been 10 years. He said the work could be included as a change order. She asked for an update but no response yet.

Kathie was to ask the schoolmarm to reconsider their denial of the development of a Montessori program: President of the Society advised: The program is not geared for multi ages. Our program for the first graders was short and age appropriate. Our other presentation was based on third and fourth grade levels for understanding and their attention spans. We could not handle more than one age group at a time for many reasons.

Veterans’ Park

Invasive weeds are back at Veterans’ Park. Kathie offered to show P&R which are the weeds. P&R put geraniums in the urns since we can no longer do that.

Kathie would like to get estimates on maintenance of the bronze signs (waxing) and possible cleaning of the monuments (one estimate $500). We have a small balance ($1,800) in the park fund. Donors had specifically given to the park so we should use that money there. She will also look into replacing the urns by the main monument.

Merchandise

To balance out inventory, decided to order minimal supply of Hooksett geographic t-shirts. 16 for $80. Jim moved to expend; John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Lilac Bridge

John advised that council had accepted the recommendation of the committee and encumbered $85,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Demo Petition - 1253 Hooksett Rd, the Stone House

Kathie attended Zoom meeting with town planner and others and principals on 4/23/20 discussing the storage facility project (office building plus 3-4 storage units) proposed for 1253 Hooksett Road which includes the demo of the Hebert house (c. 1938), a/k/a the Stone House.

Demo petition received 6/18/20.
The property was inventoried by architectural historian Lynne Monroe in August 2005 and determined eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places in March 2006 by the NH Division of Historic Resources. Eligible for National Register under Criterion C, Architecture.

Members reviewed the commission’s criteria.

While not designated as a town’s local historic site or in the town’s historic district, the building met all of the remaining criteria. We have not done any on-site visit so cannot comment on the building’s condition. The historian noted that there were no other homes of its type in Hooksett; we are unaware at this time whether or not there may be another in the region.

By virtue of its eligibility for listing on the State and National Registers, “significance” has already been determined.

The commission voted unanimously to acknowledge that significance.

Discussed hiring an architectural historian to testify at the public hearing. John moved to obligate up to $250; Jim seconded. Unanimously approved. Kathie will make contacts.

Kathie asked that we have a minute taker at the hearing.

Discussed possible dates. Kathie will send notice to Admin for publication once the date is determined.

Assignments
1. Kathie - Head School painting?
2. Kathie - estimates for Vet Park maintenance
3. Kathie - order t-shirts
4. All - prepare for demo public hearing

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup, Chair
June 27, 2020

Next meeting to be set as needed

Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.