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CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2014
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carol Howe, Betty Sabeau, Carmelle Druchniak, Carleton Robie (selectmen's representative), Ray Cresswell,

GUESTS: Lorraine Briand, Dave Desolets

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's January meeting were approved.

Discussion: Scenic Byway

The group was asked for input on the state of New Hampshire's proposed Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway, a route which includes the towns of Candia, Deerfield, and Northwood.

Such a route would be similar to others across the state, and include roadways deemed to have historical, scenic, recreational, cultural and/or archaeological qualities.

The commission discussed at length how this designation would benefit the town of Candia and whether a commission member should become involved, since the state DOT is seeking volunteers in each community to serve on a Corridor Advisory Council.

Diane pointed out the town's Conservation Commission will be reviewing the proposal and the need for a volunteer.

Moore School Ag Day

Plans for the May 14 annual event were discussed. Carmelle will help with publicity, and Betty, Carol and Diane would also be taking part along with other Commission members.

Walking Tour of Candia Village

Since there are walking tour maps completed of The Hill and East Candia areas of town, work continues on a similar tour of Candia Village. Lorraine Briande reviewed the current map with Commission members and the group reviewed the homes included on the preliminary map and discussed various historical footnotes.

Lorraine also suggested that current residents of the Village be asked to provide information (write a paragraph, perhaps?) on their residences' history.

Candia history

Using a questionnaire she created, Carol has been contacting various residents to share their personal recollections for the update of the existing town history.

Much discussion ensued, with Commission members sharing their own knowledge of points of interest, historical events and residents of note.

Carmelle volunteered to help get media attention for the project (NOTE: As a result, the Union Leader ran a lengthy story on the project Feb. 27, and Diane was also interviewed by a local radio station).

Addition to the Commission

Dave Desolets submitted his letter requesting membership on the Heritage Commission. The group voted to approve his nomination, and Carleton was to bring the nomination to the Board of Selectmen for an official vote.

Barn Evaluations and Preservation Easements

Commission members were assigned the task of conducting site inspections of local barns, in order to submit information needed for preservation easements. Ray Cresswell is organizing the effort, and provided members with forms and background information on the program. Inspections must be completed by March 31.

Next Meeting

The next Heritage Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11.