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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY July 14, 2015
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carol Howe, Carmelle Druchniak, Ray Cresswell, Lorraine Briand, David Desilets, Betty Sabean, Carleton Robie (Selectmen's rep), Sandy Whitcomb

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's June meeting were approved.

Village Sign -- Location and approval

There was lengthy discussion about the proposed sign designating the Candia Village District. Lorraine reported on her discussions with sign maker Frank Sarra, and several commission members offered suggestions as to its format (hanging or on a post) and its location (on Mona MacNichol's land, near the road, near the boulder, etc.).

Village Walking Tour Update

Dave reported on the progress of the walking tour map. The 1893 map used as reference includes many homes no longer in existence, so the tour map will go by street addresses and include original deed holders and/or 1893 home owners if available.

Dave asked the group to determine what information would be included in the resulting walking map tour brochure.

Candia Depot and Bean Island historical sites

Candia Depot and Bean Island should be considered for similar walking tours. Candia Depot includes the site of the old RR station, Post Office and other notable locations. The group discussed what area would be included – for example, from Pearson's to Chester Road?

And Ray asked whether there is an 1893 map (similar to that used as the starting point for The Village tour) that may exist? Ray will continue his investigations.

Evaluate Web site

Carmelle will report back on a list of possible features to our website after contacting Catherine Sangillo, the town webmaster.

Recreational map

Diane will look into the feasibility of creating a map that highlights recreational areas in town.

Open House with Fitts Museum

The Open Houses are scheduled the third Saturday of the month, and it was noted the “hearse house” would be raised this summer as well.

Smyth Trustees update

Work continues on the Smyth Memorial Building. Some of the carpet and backing were removed from the kitchen and more will be removed in the months to come. The five new windows will include storm windows and the painter will finish up the sashes.

Other business

Should we order more copies of “Sense of Place,” the town history or wait until September? It was agreed 50 more copies could be ordered with the sales proceeds going to the Smyth Memorial Building Fund.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, September 8.