CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carmelle Druchniak, 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 July meeting were approved pending revisions by Carmelle.

Commission Budget

Diane reported that the Heritage Commission budget request would be \$600, its current year budget, and that amount has been submitted for consideration by the town Budget Committee.

Sense of Place – Reorder?

There was discussion about reordering a limited number of town histories, to ensure there are copies at the library, town offices, etc. The last printing cost \$435 for 50 copies. Carmelle will check with Harris Trophy (about a possible discount!) and also draft a press release to submit to local papers, in an effort to generate interest among residents in a 'last chance' purchase of the history.

Village Walking Tour Update

Lorraine has indicated she will send a word document to Carmelle to lay out as a walking tour brochure.

In related news, the sign created by Frank Sarra will be posted on Mona MacNichol's land.

Candia Depot walking tour

Ray Cresswell has done a preliminary map of Candia Depot in anticipation of another walking tour brochure. Sandra also has a list of homeowners from the 40s and 50s, and offered to work with Hope Pearson and others to put together personal stories.

Conservation Commission -- Rec Map

Diane floated the idea of a recreational map at a recent meeting of the Conservation Commission and after further discussion, it was agreed the map should be less a 'rec map' and more a published "walkabout tour" guide. The map project fits in well with the conservation group's hope to do more with the Deerfield rec site.

The walkabout guide would initially focus on trails and recreational areas that currently exist, and then perhaps include other areas open to public use.

Evaluate Web site

Carmelle will work with Catherine Sangillo, the town webmaster, on creating a more engaging web page. She will report back to the group at the next meeting.

Smyth Trustees update

A new sign has been erected in front of the Smyth Memorial Building. Since the new sign says "Smyth Historical Building," the 'official' name of the building was discussed by commission members. Which is correct? Diane offered to look into past minutes of the commission, which has focused its efforts on the building's renovation in past years.

An additional three windows will be replaced soon, as work continues on the building.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, October 13.