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CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY Sept 12 2017 SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Lorraine Briand, Carol Howe, Holly Haas, Ray Creswell, Caleb Harris, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's June meeting were approved – they are posted on the website

Budget

Diane reported that she relayed the Commission's request for the same amount as last year's budget -- \$600 – for the 2018 calendar year. She also noted the Commission still has \$550 from this year's budget.

Depot sign/other signage?

Holly reported she has yet to hear from state officials about the state-owned parcel that could accommodate a Depot sign (designating this area as one of the town's points of interest in connection with the walking info/history compiled by Ray and others).

As a result, the sign that has already been made by local sign maker Frank Sarra (which is similar to the Village sign) can be installed on the Plantes' property. Lorraine volunteered to contact Phil Plante to confirm the site, Caleb will check with road agent Dave Murray on the necessary setbacks, and Carleton will be approached about putting the sign up.

Related to the previous note about the remaining budget dollars, the group discussed whether to use the \$550 for other signs to mark the town's villages, most notably the Hill and Beane Island. (East Candia has a state historical marker).

Carmelle suggested the Commission might make signage -- to spotlight areas of interest, historic monuments, etc. – an annual project. More discussion resulted and Diane said she would investigate the cost of the signs in nearby Hooksett – made to resemble New Hampshire state historical markers.

Trail map

Diane and Betty reported little headway on mapping the town's trails. Betty has downloaded many trails via the "Map My Walk" phone app, but Diane said she will reconnect with the Conservation Commission to kick start the project once again.

Veteran recognition

Holly has a list of 761 Candia veterans – from the French-Indian War to World War II – and she explained that the state’s veterans office should have info on more recent veterans. She also will investigate how to define a Candia veteran: an individual whose legal residence was Candia when they enlisted/were drafted? Those who are buried in the town’s various cemeteries, or other definition?

She also reported the Cemetery Commission continues its work to record the names of all persons – more than 10,000! – in town cemeteries.

Other business

- Selectman’s representative Russ Dann reported on the board’s agreement with a local developer related to work on a town-owned parcel near Route 101 Exit 3. He encouraged Commission members to attend a public hearing Monday, Sept. 25 at the selectmen’s meeting to learn more.
- The Smyth Memorial Building will once again be the site of the annual Smyth Public Library book sale Saturday, Oct 21.
- Caleb asked if anyone planned to save the Candia General Store sign since the business is being closed. Lorraine will talk to soon-to-be former owner Marie Martel to learn more.
- Betty passed out surveys in connection with upcoming public hearings (Sept 15 and 22) on the master plan proposal to create a town center at Four Corners.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Smyth Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak