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CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY Jan 9 2018

SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabeau, Carmelle Druchniak, Carol Howe, Selectmen's Rep Russell Dann

Absent: Lorraine Briand, Holly Haas, Ray Creswell

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's November meeting were approved and will be posted on the town website.

Review of 2017 Heritage Commission Activities

Diane shared the writeup that summarizes Heritage Commission activities in 2017 and which will be included in the March Town Report.

The group then reviewed the document and discussed projects and programs that need updating or further action in the months to come.

Among the items discussed:

- Carmelle will ensure that Depot photos are on the town website, and also will post the available walking tour documents as well.
- The group discussed whether to create a house-to-house Depot area walking tour document, similar to those created for the Hill and the Village.
- The annual town-wide clean-up: Russ pointed out the group should start now in considering how to improve the effort, while Diane credited the Selectmen with their support last year. Carmelle did offer to contact town groups to get them involved and will also reach out to the Candia Community group (600 members) on Facebook,
- The Commission discussed what programming it might sponsor at the Smyth Library this year, and Carmelle suggested an historical artifact 'show and tell' format – people might bring items they've found and researched. Roland Girard, who offers weekend barn sales, will be approached to see if he can present a few of his finds at the session.
- Veterans recognition efforts: Since Holly Haas has resigned (see below), the Commission agreed that it will rely on the Cemetery Commission (of which Holly is a member) to continue its cataloguing of graves and hopefully that will include gathering information needed to recognize veterans of recent wars. (Diane also will ask Holly about the possibility of scheduling cemetery tours)
- Betty will continue to research the Smyth Library history (from 1992 to present) and plans to bring her research to the next Commission meeting for a work session.

- The sign designating The Hill section of Candia has been paid for – members continue to discuss what it might say – Candia Senter? Candia – Meetinghouse Hill? Candia Historic Center?

Other business

Diane reported that Holly Haas has submitted her resignation. The commission needs one member and two alternates to fill its membership. Carmelle will submit an announcement for posting on the town website and will also approach the Candia FB community page members.

Carol suggested the group look into the building of a replica of the Town Pound at its original site near the Stephen Clay Homestead Bed & Breakfast across from the Congregational Church or post a sign at the location. The group agreed this would be a worthwhile effort and planned more research and discussion.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Smyth Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak