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CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, February 19, 2019

SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING, 7PM

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Ray Cresswell, Carol Howe, selectmen's rep Russell Dann
Absent: Lorraine Briand

Guest: Paula Chouinard

Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of November Minutes

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

SMB Building Fund

Diane reported that Ingrid Byrd has donated funds for improvements to the Smyth Memorial Building. She reminded Commission members the Commission also oversees two funds – the donations collected in memory of Ron Thomas, and the proceeds from the sales of various Commission works (mill sites, Sense of Place, etc.) The total of the named Old Smyth Library Renovations Budgetary Fund as of Jan. 9 is \$5,157.46, but the account is not accruing interest, however, and after some discussion the Commission voted to approve the following:

That the Commission give the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees the authority to use the Old Smyth Library Renovations Budgetary Fund and that the Commission recommends the fund be named the Ron Thomas Memorial/Candia Heritage Commission SMB Fund.

Roadside Clean-up

Russ reported that Judi Lindsey has asked to be involved in coordinating the annual Earth Day roadside clean-up effort and perhaps model it after the Deerfield effort, which includes a two-hour clean-up followed by a town picnic with food donations. The tentative day is Saturday, April 27. Members also agreed to ask Judi to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss the matter further.

Library History Update

The update is still in need of personal memories. Carmelle will once again post a Facebook request on the Candia Community Awareness page for those who may have recollections and/or old photos to include.

Other Business

- The Annual Report write-up summarizing the Commission's work in 2018 has been submitted.
- The history being written by Dan Szczesny about Dr. Herman Sander, who in 1950, became the first US doctor ever put on trial for "mercy killing," includes the author's search for personal memories from Candia residents.
- The Lights on the Hill committee thanked the Commission for once again staffing the Smyth Memorial Building.
- The Commission agreed to renew its membership in the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.
- The Commission was contacted by Liberty Utilities about the Granite Bridge Project, which entails the laying of a natural gas pipeline through an area of Candia. The utility asked whether there are areas or sites of historic or cultural importance in the area being mapped.
- Signage for the Hill section of Candia have been received and will be installed in better (warmer!) weather. Road Agent Dennis Lewis has suggested they be placed on a metal post, and closer to the top of the hill.
- Renovation of the Boy Scout Cabin at Moore Park is planned for this spring.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Smyth Memorial Building. At that time, members hope to discuss possible projects for 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak