

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm in Council Chambers.

Members Present: Tony Lacasse, Chair; Jordan Davis, Vice-Chair; John Giotas, Yolande Cotnoir-Walsh,
Staff: Leann McLaughlin, Project Coordinator

Absent: Roger Duhaime, Town Council Representative

Others: Members of the Historical Society, Head School Marms, and Robie's Historical Preservation Corporation.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Jordan Davis motioned to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes, seconded by John Giotas. Motion approved.

DEMOLITION PERMIT

A demolition permit was received for Manchester Sand and Gravel for a total of 3 buildings located at Map 19, Lot 4. The Heritage Commission presented concern because it seemed that work had already begun on removing those buildings, but Dana Pendergast did confirm that the windows were removed as that was part of the asbestos abatement and required on the Demolition Permit Application.

Jordan Davis motioned that the Manchester Sand and Gravel buildings presented for demolition have no historical significance, seconded by John Giotas. Motion passed.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEES

Historical Society- James Sullivan explained the Historical Society was established in 1974 and in 1976 was granted the use of the Prescott Building. Bob Thinnex received an email regarding an internship for a resident that is obtaining her masters in Historic Preservation. Bob explained how she could be a great asset for the Historical Society. Assistance with Heritage Commission files would be beneficial as well. Bob Thinnex expressed how pleased he was with the Clay Cemetery preservation project and would like to see the cemetery further down the road preserved as well. Jordan Davis offered to investigate that once the Clay Cemetery preservation has been completed.

Head School Marms- Ruth Knowles explained what the Head School Marms do and what they need. A brochure was created in 2009 outlining the Head School. Ruth explained how younger volunteers are needed to keep this program running as the current volunteers are looking to move on. June will be a simulation of school in the 1840's. They would like to get the 4th grade classes back in as well, but the issue is bus transportation. The Head School Marms also have funds in an account that only Ruth and Barbara have access to. It is minimal funds, and they wonder if it should be turned over to the Town through the Heritage Commission. The funds are mainly used for a port-a-potty for events and wreaths during the holiday season. There will be some maintenance required soon on Head School. The school Marms would like to have an Open House in May and in October will be a celebration in Kathie's honor.

45 Mrs. Thinnes mentioned that there are quite a few teachers retiring this year and they may be looking
46 for a volunteer opportunity.

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48 Robie's Historical Preservation Corporation- Bob Schroeder explained that in 1997 Dot and Lloyd retired
49 and wanted to sell the Robie's store but had a stipulation that it must remain a country store. A group
50 got together and created a non-profit corporation and received grants and donations to purchase the
51 store from Dot and Lloyd. Bob explained that if the non-profit folds, Robie's reverts to the Town. Robie's
52 does hold other priceless historical collections that are not all owned by the Robie's non-profit.

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54 **HERITAGE DAY**

55 Tony Lacasse reviewed Heritage Day in May. On May 14, the Head School Marms will have an Open
56 House for the Heads School, Tony asked if the Historical Society and Robie's could be open that day as
57 well. Tony offered assistance make that happen.

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59 The group would like to have another joint meeting in June.

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61 **HERITAGE COMMISSION FILES**

62 Kathie Northrup's Heritage Commission files have been moved to the library.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

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66 ***Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5pm in Town Council Chambers.***

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68 **Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.**

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