

HERITAGE COMMISSION (HC)
TOWN OF HOOKSETT
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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

Members Present: Tony Lacasse, Chair; Jordan Davis, Vice-Chair; John Giotas

Staff: Leann McLaughlin, Project Coordinator

Absent: Yolande Cotnoir-Walsh and Roger Duhaime-Town Council Representative

Others: Deborah Miville and Dana Pendergast

MINUTES APPROVAL

Jordan Davis motioned to approve the April 12, 2022, minutes, seconded by John Giotas. Motion approved.

INVOICE

John Giotas motioned to approve payment of \$297.52 to Southern Charm for the purchase of 10 Afghans, seconded by Jordan Davis. Motion approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Tony Lacasse explained that he has been in contact with Jeff Hamilton from the Hooksett Congregational Church. Jeff has reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works but has not been able to get an answer about whose property are the overgrown shrubs located on. These shrubs are bordering Veterans Park. Jeff will remove and/or trim them but only will do so if it is on the Church property or if the Town allows. Leann McLaughlin recommended not touching them until there is a definitive answer. Leann will investigate it. Dana Pendergast recommended asking Bruce Thomas if he has any information since work was recently done at Veterans Park.

DEMOLITION PERMIT – 3 DARTMOUTH STREET

Jordan Davis was unable to locate any historical significance for this property. John Giotas agreed as this is not an unusual construction for the timeframe. Dana Pendergast confirmed that it was built in 1927 and was typical for the timeframe. The current owner began remodeling but just continued to find more issues.

John Giotas reviewed the “Questions to Ask When Considering the Demolition of a Building”

1. Does the building have such interest or quality that it would meet national, state, or local criteria for designation as a historic, cultural, or architectural landmark?

The Heritage Commission answered no.

2. Is the building of such unusual or uncommon design, texture, or materials that it could not be reproduced or only with great difficult and expense?

The Heritage Commission answered no.

44 3. Is the building of such architectural or historic interest that its removal would be a detriment to
45 the public interest?

46 *The Heritage Commission answered no.*

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48 4. Would retention of the building help to preserve and protect a historic place or area of historic
49 interest in Hooksett?

50 *The Heritage Commission answered no.*

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52 5. Is the building one of the last remaining examples of its kind in the neighborhood, town, or
53 region?

54 *The Heritage Commission answered no.*

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56 6. What is the building's condition? Architectural integrity?

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58 *The Heritage Commission stated that the condition is questionable.*

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60 *John Giotas motioned to find no historical significance with 3 Dartmouth Street, seconded by*
61 *Jordan Davis. Motion passed.*

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63 **HOOKSETT HERITAGE DAY (MAY)**
64 Hooksett Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 9:00AM-1:00PM. Heads School will
65 be open along with tours of the Prescott Tavern. John Giotas will reach out to Bob Schroeder to request
66 that Robie's be open during this timeframe. Tony Lacasse would like to sell Heritage Memorabilia at
67 Robie's during the event.

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69 **LAMBERT'S PARK DEDICATION AND SIGN**
70 Deborah Miville was present to discuss. Tony Lacasse has interviewed Jeanette Gagne for history on the
71 parcel. Deb is looking to see if the Heritage Commission has chosen a sign style as the Parks and
72 Recreation department would like all historical signs to be uniform. Kathie Northrup previously ordered
73 and installed historical signs on the Riverwalk Trail. Leann McLaughlin will find the vendor Kathie used
74 and get an estimate and lead time on that type of sign. Leann will also contact Parks and Rec to find out
75 what other options they prefer and do some deed research for historical purposes. Deb mentioned that
76 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is hoping to do a Grand Opening of the Pavilion in July and
77 wondered if this could be accomplished by then. Leann McLaughlin asked Deb if the Heritage
78 Commission could give her an answer to that at their June 14 meeting. This will provide staff and
79 Heritage Commission members time to do more research.

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81 **HERITAGE COMMISSION MEMORIBILIA AND FILES**
82 John Giotas asked if the next meeting could be at the Library in the New Hampshire Room so the
83 Heritage Commission could start looking at those files. Leann McLaughlin will reach out to Mark Glisson
84 to reserve that room. Leann will also mention this meeting to Jim Sullivan.

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86 **CLAY CEMETERY**

87 Jordan Davis did a phenomenal job organizing and completing the work at Clay Cemetery. It was
88 confirmed that Steven Clay is not buried there but there are unknown gravestones on site.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

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92 ***Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5pm in the New Hampshire Room at the***
93 ***Hooksett Public Library.***

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

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