

**HOOKSETT HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2022
5:00 P.M.
Hooksett Town Hall
35 Main St.
Council Chambers**

Attendance:

Commission members: Tony Lacasse, Chair; Jordan Davis, Vice Chair; Gloria Levasseur, Member; Andrea Therrien, Member

Jordan called an informal meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. to be held until a quorum was established.

Andrea has reached out to the Bailey family about gathering information on their historic property. A date to meet has not yet been scheduled.

Jordan shared a summary of Tony's vision for the Light Up The Village event. The event will act as a fundraiser to support a historical walking tour, to be created by the Heritage Commission. Fossil has the template for the new signs at Lambert's Park, which could be used for new signs in the village as part of this tour. Currently, production lead time is approximately 7 weeks.

Jordan suggested a sign also be placed at Clay Cemetery. Physical work was done to the site earlier this year. Jordan will have the write-up for the sign prepared for the next meeting. He suggested keeping signs noting historical significance the same style throughout town.

Tony arrived at 5:34 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jordan moved to approve the minutes from the October 11 meeting. Gloria seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Tony welcomed Andrea Therrien as a new member of the Heritage Commission. Her term lasts through June 30, 2025.

Light Up The Village: Tony has secured all sponsorship for the event. The Lilac Bridge and many prominent buildings nearby will be lit up with holiday lights. Funds raised will support the work of the Hooksett Heritage Commission's Village Improvement Committee. Tony has spoken with Hooksett Finance Officer [Christine Tewksbury](#) about accepting donations. Christine stated donations should be

made out to Town of Hooksett with a memo that states Heritage Commission. Brittany will ask town hall staff what the procedure is for Heritage Commission to expend funds.

Historical Walking Tour: Locations identified as being historically significant and reasonable to be included in the walking tour included: Prescott Tavern, Giles Tavern, the Brick House, Old Town Hall, Prescott Library, old Robie House (across from the Old Town Hall), former summer boarding house, Robie's Store, Hooksett Village Water Precinct, Train Depot, Veterans Park (to include information about all the buildings that were in that area), Lambert's Market on Merrimack Street, Hebert Market, Lambert's Park, Riverside Inn, and Hooksett Inn. The total expense to have signs made for each location will be approximately \$15,000. Tony expects to fundraise around \$3,000 from Light Up The Village, not including any donations that come in at the event, to go toward this project.

Tony shared the following sponsorships have been received:

- \$250 from Barret Insurance
- \$500 from Wayne and Sally Gehris
- \$500 from Harnisch Realty Group
- \$500 from Dead River Company
- \$500 from Mary Wells
- \$1,000 from Merrimack County Savings Bank
- \$2,000 from Manchester Sand and Gravel
- \$1,500 from Main Street Man
- \$300 from JR Mechanical
- \$500 from Foy Law

Jordan moved to hold the Light Up The Village event on Dec. 9 to support the Hooksett Heritage Commission. Gloria seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Jordan moved to accept donations in the amount of \$7,150 provided as sponsorships for the Light up The village event to be held on December 9 to fund event expenses and be used toward the creation of signs for Hooksett Historical Village. Andrea seconded. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Tony invited members to help with the Light Up The Night event. A Festival of Trees will also be held as part of the event with funds from this activity also going to Hooksett Heritage Commission. Volunteers will be needed to assist with parking at the American Legion and the Congregational Church. Heritage Commission members are invited to help decorate the Historical Society building.

Jordan moved to end the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.