

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 26 October, 2010 7:00 pm
Bakery Building, Main Street, Charlestown, NH

Present: Wesley Van Velsor, Joyce Higgins, Terry Spilsbury, Carol Clark, Alternate Aare Ilves

Absent: Barbara Jones, Eric Lutz

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairperson Wesley Van Velsor.
In the absence of Barbara Jones and Eric Lutz, Aare Ilves was seated as alternate.

1. Minutes for the 28 September, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Aare Ilves provided a financial report to the Heritage Commission members for the period 01/01/10 through 10/25/10. Commission members discussed the report format, savings and cash accounts, recent disbursements, and Third History estimates for the rest of the year. A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by Terry, and unanimously passed that the report be put on file for audit.
3. Joyce provided an update regarding the Third Town History book. She stated that the firemen are nearly done working on their report, and will be submitting it soon for inclusion in the book. Joyce related stories regarding the bells in some of the town's buildings and also said she was doing research for a book section entitled "Early People of Color in Charlestown". Additionally, she has been uncovering errors in Frizzell's Second History that will be corrected in the Third History.
4. There was not much new information regarding the Fort at #4, but it was mentioned that there will be a Thanksgiving dinner this year at the Fort.
5. Joyce wrote a Thanksgiving article to be included in the next edition of Our Town. Carol will write an article for the December issue of Our Town about the lighting of candles in the windows of the homes in Charlestown.
6. Wes sent a letter to the Select Board regarding the permanent housing of the cannon, but no response has been received.
7. Wes will present a proposal for next year's purchase and placement of benches in town to the Select Board on November 3rd. Advocates from the Charlestown Women's Club, Senior Center, Tree Committee, Heritage Commission, and Historical Society are planning to attend the meeting to show their support for this project.
8. Wes suggested that the Heritage Commission members think about what Commission offices they would like to hold for the 2011 calendar year, and also to think about what other projects they might like to undertake.

A question was brought up regarding the possibility of the Heritage Commission procuring and then offering grants to assist the town residents in maintaining historic properties or buildings in town. As of this date, it is unknown what grants would be possible or available.

An article was handed out regarding the news and history of the Boston Post Cane. This article will be placed in the Heritage Commission's drawer in the Town Office.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is scheduled for November 23, 7:00 pm at the Bakery building. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Carol Clark
Secretary
Approved minutes