

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES MAY 2014

In Attendance - Joyce Higgins, Wes VanVelsor, Joanne, Sue Richardson, Jim Furman, Sue Coleman and Art Grenier

April minutes approved.

Treasurer's report approved and invoice request signed.

No new news on Eagle Scout cemetery project.

Sue Richardson has received a release for the winners of the essay contest from the school principal.

Joyce showed us a coloring book from another NH town that includes pictures of local noteworthy buildings, etc. Would need to look into printing costs, where would they be sold, etc.

We discussed a marker for South Charlestown, maybe a plaque on a bolder. Wes will try to talk with the barber on Railroad St. who has a great knowledge and lots of pictures of "old" South Charlestown. We each will take a ride down to see where we think a marker might be placed.

The bronze plaques for the Town Hall and Town Office have been given to Dave Edkins. He will let us know when they have been installed and we will plan a presentation with publicity. The order forms for plaques will be placed each month in Our Town. John and Judy Murray have ordered one for their house. The Supt of Schools has been contacted to obtain approval for placing the plaque on the Farwell School.

Joanne and Joyce had a mtg. with Mary Kate Ryan of NHDHR and got lots of good information on implementing the new historic district. Joyce passed out an action plan with steps to establishing the historic districts. She passed information to them about repair, new construction, alteration, moving and demolition - all external items.

Bench project - the select board sent a verbal message with Art Grenier about the bench that was in front of the library. Either we place a slab of cement under the bench or move it. This is contrary to the last discussion with them regarding our plans to place blue stone under the benches that would be level with the sidewalk and go from the edge of the sidewalk to where people's feet would rest. We asked Art for clarification and he said it was an ultimatum to either do it the boards way or move the bench. We voted to move the bench. We are in the process of approaching private property owners for permission to place a bench with the blue stone under it. The Minister and Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church on Main St were asked if we could place a bench at the front of the paddock. They felt it would interfere with their farmers market and declined the offer.

Next mtg is June 24th.

Submitted by S. Coleman