

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES--DRAFT
July 27, 2015

Present: Joanne Hipp, Wes Van Velsor, Duane Wetherby, Sue Richardson, Joyce Higgins, Tamara Golden, Art Grenier.. Absent: Sue Coleman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Since Sue Coleman was absent, the minutes from last month's meeting could not be approved. Sue Richardson presented the treasurer's report. There is \$1940.00 in the budget line and \$2149.27 in the savings account. There were no bills in July. Check requests were signed for the purchase of stones under the benches (\$618.00) and the fee for the use of the horses to pull the cannon (\$250.00) in the Old Home Day parade.

In response to a question on the status of the bench to be replaced on the library lawn, Art said he would check on it. Art asked about the wheels in front of the Claremont Savings Bank and was told of the plans the bank had for making the wheels into a bench. The wheels are from the dining car that is now part of the Sumner House Restaurant.

Wes mentioned that another bench is being constructed. He suggested that homeowners on Main Street be allowed to request a bench on their property. Joyce will insert a notice to that effect in September's *Our Town*. A discussion about the benches and ground treatments under them followed.

Art answered some questions the commission asked about the recreation facilities and opportunities in town.

Duane is still working on the surroundings of the South Charlestown plaque/boulder and is purchasing what he needs at no expense to the town. He will let us know when it is finished.

The issues with the Planning Board and the proposed Historic District Ordinance were discussed. The Planning Board said last year that they wanted to "fix" the ordinance and make it "voter ready," so it is in their hands for now. The article could be petitioned to be put on the ballot if the Planning Board does nothing by the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Golden, Acting Secretary
Joyce Higgins, Transcriptionist