

HAVERHILL HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes – Thursday, August 29, 2019
James R. Morrill Municipal Building
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Members Present: Jim Hobbs, Marie Bjelobrk, Steve Wheeler

Speakers: None present.

Members of the Public Present: Howard Hatch, Darwin Clogston, Mike Lavoie,

Call Meeting to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Consent Agenda: A copy of the previous meetings minutes was not present at the meeting to be voted on.

Treasurer's Report: A treasurer's report was not given.

Old (Pending) Business:

- **Hazen Park Update:** Jim explained that he'd like to create a map to dictate where each granite memory block is, once they're in place. Mike asked where the money went, that was profited from the memory block sales and Jim stated it went directly to the Heritage Commission. There was a complaint about a recent bonfire and bottles were left behind. Since the complaint, Alvin has cleaned up the remnants. Jim mentioned bat and mosquito traps being placed at Hazen Park. There was discussion about the coal pockets and whether a plaque should be placed in the old location; however, the Commission decided to discuss this in the future. Jim still believes placing the memory blocks at Hazen Park would be ideal, so folks can visit the blocks and the historical site simultaneously. Jim stated he currently has two websites and would be open to having folks (possibly high school students) take photos of Hazen Park and doing a write-up about its history for the website. Howard suggested discussing improving the road by moving it to where it used to be and asking the Town for assistance. Mike Lavoie suggested having the land surveyed by a licensed surveyor. Jim stated he has a survey of Hazen Park that shows a right-of-way but does not indicate where the road is. Howard and Mike suggest that the Heritage Commission take a tour of Hazen Park, as some members have never been. Darwin suggested that the Commission contact Gandin's and Wayne Fortier to see if either have a list of names for the memory blocks. Darwin stated he would contact Wayne. It was a consensus that the Commission will prioritize Hazen Park moving forward.

- **Railroad Park:** Howard Hatch stated that since there is a trestle linked with a little bit of track, the Commission should get a locomotive that works, a caboose that looks good and a passenger car that could run back and forth. Jim would like the Heritage Commission to work with the Recreation Committee regarding Railroad Park.

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New Business:

- **Lawn Mower:** The lawn mower that the Commission owns is not being used and Jim stated it may not make sense to hold onto it if it's not utilized. Darwin suggested checking to see if the mower needs maintenance, see if it starts and obtain a key before making any decisions. Mike Lavoie stated that because the lawn mower hasn't been started in a long time, it's most likely junk. Jim stated he will talk to Richard Patten about the lawn mower.

- **Mill Street Plaque:** Darwin stated that the State needs to know where to put the plaque on Mill Street and the Commission should vote on it. Folks discussed it may be best on the East end of the bridge, which is the "School-end." Wheeler stated he could indicate a spot with a stake for the State.

Comments of the Public: None at this time.

Comments of Heritage Commission Members: Jim would like Commission members to pick three topics they want to prioritize and to discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourn: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Minutes produced by Katie J. Williams.