

## RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes (DRAFT) of Board Meeting held on 12/16/15 at the Vets Hall at 3:30pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Sandy Laughner; Susan Roney

- Minutes of the last meeting on 11/18/15 were approved as presented.
- Bonnie McCarthy gave the Treasurer's Report, reporting that the \$500 Town appropriation for 2015 had been exhausted.
- Bob is in the process of writing the RHC report for the Town Report and will submit it and a possible cover photo to Carol this month for consideration by the BOS.
- The Commission discussed a wide range of subjects relating to the remediation of the 4 Corner Store site and future plans for the greater 4 Corners area, including moving the sole remaining granite hitching post (Sandy Laughner will contribute an iron pin and ring) for installation in Brewer Park next spring, movement of the remaining shed intended for use by the Parks and Recreation Commission (Carol will explore the possibility of storing the 3 Martin Mills pail making machines in it along with PRC equipment), Bob's walk-thru of the site with Bobbie Best of Ransom Engineering and subsequent meeting with the RCDA, the planned demolition of the apartment building, removal of the Shell sign and future use of Richmond's Amidon Park given future plans for developing the Allen Lot.
- Bob also presented the inventory and valuation of the Martin Mills artifacts prepared for John Holman and Jenna Carroll, Town Archivist. Bonnie McCarthy will send John a receipt for his gift and forward the inventory to Jenna for transferring the gift to our Town Archives.
- The Commission then reviewed its priority projects for 2016, identifying sources for funding them beyond the \$1000 appropriation we hope will be approved at Town Meeting in March. These included:
  - Library belfry, bell and shutters – RHC budget and private donations
  - Brewer Park – private donations
  - Civil War presentation – RHC designated donated funds
  - February Vets Hall event – private donations
  - Historic signage – Town budget
  - Additional site landscaping – Town budget
  - Telephone Building – TBD
  - Martin Mill artifacts - TBD

Note: all of the above will involve considerable time and work donated by RHC members in addition to out-of-pocket costs from identified sources.

- Carol reported on activities of the anti-pipeline coalition together with letters written by RHC members to the Sentinel, NH legislators and the Richmond Rooster. She noted the excellent support we are receiving from the Keene Sentinel in its series of articles on the subject.
- Bob outlined preliminary plans for the February 27<sup>th</sup> town-wide event to be held at the Vets Hall. These included entertainment, publicity, invitations, food and refreshments, Power Point presentation and other details. Commission members divvied up tasks to be handled during the next two months.
- The next board meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2016 at 3:30pm at the Vets Hall.