

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members Zange, Cole, Coleman, Alessio Koepfel, Purn

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2007 AND  
WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF APRIL 14 AND 21:

Motion by Member Zange to approve the above Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Coleman.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. There will be a program at the Eastgate library May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – “Greetings From Algonquin”
- B. There will be walking tours of Old Town Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and 2:00
- C. The Interview Project is going along well. We will begin interviewing at the Eastgate Manor in June.
- C. The June Workshop schedules will be cancelled due to the census bureau moving in.

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Recognition and Presentations Awards including the “2007 ALGONQUIN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”

PRESENTATION AWARD TO RETIRING COMMISSION MEMBER LAURA ALESSIO for three years of valuable to the Community and the Algonquin Historic Commission. The Commission is grateful for the work Laura did writing articles for the Village Newsletter and preparing press releases. Laura has agreed to assist the Commission at special events and Saturday Workshops as a volunteer. Laura's presence will be missed.

**PRESENTATION OF BRONZE PLAQUE TO THE WOODHOUSE DAY SPA:**

This Plaque is being presented to owners Diane Post and Laura Cano to celebrate the success of their endeavors in seeking national recognition for their building as an historic structure. This property has now been added to the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of The Interior. Their efforts have ensured that this 1893 Christian Geister home located at 302 S. Main Street will remain one of the "crown jewels" of our Main Street for future generations to enjoy. Village President John Schmidt presented this plaque to the owner Diane Post and commended her efforts on behalf of the entire Village, making sure this important landmark is preserved for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors alike.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION'S 2007  
ALGONQUIN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

.....To local artist, educator and historian MARIE H. COLEMAN for her efforts in fostering public awareness of Algonquin's history through her artistic contributions to the community for nearly 40 years.

Marie has given us an insight into our past through the capturing of our historic buildings both present and past by highlighting special events in our history, like the Hill Climbs and everyday activities such as playing in the river and drinking water from Mineral Springs in the Towne Park.

In addition to Marie's sketches being proudly hung in homes throughout our Village, her talents have also been seen all around our community for years. Her illustrations have been used on posters, cards, books, brochures and other forms for a variety of local groups and organizations. Marie has also preserved elements of our history through paintings, pastels, clay and other mediums. One of Marie's water colors was included in the contents of the Corner Stone at the new Village Hall in 1995.

A dream of Marie's has long been the fostering of a cultural awareness within our Community. She is now seeing the roots of this dream taking hold throughout the Village.

A lot has been accomplished by this woman in 40 years and she will long be remembered as our own special Village Icon.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Member Zange to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Koeppe  
Voice Vote: All Ayes

MAY WORKSHOP MEETINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room:

May 12, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.

This special workshop will be for the conducting an Interview with a long time resident.  
No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

May 19&26, 2007 – 8:30 a.m. – Noon

These workshop sessions will focus on general duties including filing, sorting, clipping, research work, exhibits and meeting with the general public.

NOTE: Visitors are encouraged and welcomed to attend the regular workshop meetings and experience our local history “hands on” researching Algonquin’s past.

Phyllis Koeppe  
Secretary

6-13-07  
Date Approved