

ALGLONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Purn, Thompson, Zange, Koeppel, Nee

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12 AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 15 AND 22, 2014:

Moved by Member Nee to approve above Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Zange.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

See below under Old Business Item "B"

OLD BUSINESS

A. Interview Project – Status Report:

Interviews will continue to be placed on hold until we hear about the availability of HVH starting in January for us to schedule interviews during the week on the second floor.

B. Storefront Window Display for 421 S. Main St:

Mr Jim Jendruezek owner of the former Rattray building located at 421 S. Main St. attended this meeting for the purpose of viewing the material for his storefront windows. He was quite impressed with the layout. It was decided to postpone the installing until early spring due to the possible damage that could be done to the layouts by "condensation" on the windows during the winter.

C. Purchase of "Past Perfect" computer software for accessioning:

Chairman Jolitz informed the group that this software has just arrived and can be installed at our next workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. Chairman Jolitz reported the Commission's proposed budget is due in January. It was discussed that we need to review our needs for next year, especially if any special needs had to be added – such as a digital camera, or other equipment so it could be included in the budget proposal. It was indicated that our laptop will need to be replaced in a year or two according to Kevin Crook. Also, the desktop computer we use in the office is a very old Mac system that Member Purn placed in the office to run his time line/data base to use for information searches.

B. Opportunities for promoting historic Algonquin information on village website and social media:

Mr Mason resumed his discussion of last month regarding opportunities for promoting historic Algonquin information on village website and social media. He suggested there are two areas that the Commission could use to further promote our history: 1. Village website

And 2. Village social publicity which would involve Facebook – Twitter and E news. The Commission now has a website which would list calendar events/activities and news. Considerable discussion ensued on these approaches. Many suggestions were made and considered. Further information will be reported as plans develop. Mr. Mason asked if the Commission would consider doing articles for the Village E-Newsletter like it used to do for the 8 page printed newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Mason reported that the Art Commission is offering large fiberglass sailboats that can be decorated and will be placed on public display throughout the village starting in the late spring and thru the summer. The project (similar to Chicago's Cows On Parade) is being done to help celebrate Algonquin's 125th Anniversary of its 1890 incorporation. The cost of sponsoring a boat for decoration starts at \$350.00 Ben stated that the Congregational Church and a number businesses have already signed up to sponsor a sailboat. Ben stated the decorated boats would be sold or auctioned off at the end of the summer.

Chairman Jolitz reminded Commission members that there will be only one December workshop meeting – on December 20, 2014 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. There will be no workshop meeting on December 27th due to the holiday weekend and lack of a quorum

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Member Nee to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Zange

Voice Vote: All Ayes

 Secretary 1-14-15 Date Approved