# ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Chairman Jolitz called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

PRESENT: Chairman Jo1itz Members: Mudra, Nee, Purn, Zange. (Member Cole arrived 7:14pm)

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2011 AND WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2011, OCTOBER 22, 2011.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Member Zange, to correct the typo error in the spelling member Mudra's name. Seconded by Ed Mudra. Voice vote: all AYES.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

R. Winston Slater came to observe.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A. Interview project - Status Report:

Leonor Popp will be interviewed on November 30, 2011 at her home, by members Purn & Zange, and Koeppel. This will be the last interview for 2011.

B. New Display for Main Library:

Chairman Jolitz and Member Nee will set up the new display in the case on Thursday 11/17 after the signage is completed by Member Purn.

#### APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Commission members discussed the upcoming budget for 2012/2013 FY beginning May 2012.
- B. Changes in the remaining 2011 workshop schedule were noted. The commission will not be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in November (11/26) or December (12/24) due to the holiday weekends.

## CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Another Scout Troop is interested in visiting the Commission and a tour of HVH, a message was sent to the scout leader and member Purn will try to contact her again by phone.

Arden Spooner of the LITH Historical Society contacted the Commission and informed us that they are trying to raise funds to move the old Ford School house to its original site in LITH (at Ford School Park). There is also a display for this purpose at the Main Library. Chairman Jolitz informed them that the Commission would be happy to write letters of support for their project if they needed any and provide any information that we could from our archives about the school.

Lane Fabrick from Missouri (a descendent of Henry Benthuysen of Algonquin) was very happy with the research we provided and copies of photos & information the Commission sent to him about his families "Algonquin Roots" and sent an \$85 donation to the Commission for our services, assistance, and items we provided.

Ben Mason has asked the Commission to think about ideas for proposed signage for the Mineral Springs area in Towne Park. The Commission members agreed that signage should be informational in nature, rather than a sign that simply reads "Mineral springs", perhaps something like the ones developed for Cornish Park and Hill Climb Park which include photos, or maybe like the one for the Smokehouse.

Member Zange is looking into purchasing additional glass shelves for Commission display cases at HVH.

Chairman Jolitz reported that Historic Structure Identification Signs / House Plaque inventory is depleted and we are getting more inquiries from people that want to buy one to either replace an older worn sign or want one for the first time. Commission members will need to investigate new sources for plaques. In the past, the minimum order quantity we could run was 10 signs in order to keep the down cost of each sign to a reasonable amount. The Commission would like to be ready to be able to advertise the opportunity for residents to purchase a sign in the Village Spring newsletter. The custom signs include the Name of the original owner and the Date (Year) of construction of the vintage structure. These signs have been very popular in the past, both with the property owners and residents as they walk around the Historic Downtown area.

Chairman Jolitz advised the deadline for information for the Village Winter newsletter is November 16 if the Commission had anything we needed to run.

Commission members discussed the possibility of giving an Historic Achievement Award next May like we have done a number of times previously, it has been a couple of years since the last one and there are several new preservation restoration projects etc taking place.

Also discussed was participation in the 2012 Harvest Days event with the Downtown Partnership.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Member Nee. Motion seconded by Member Cole. Voice vote: All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Secretary | Mary | Date Approved

# ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2011 AT 8:30 AM HISTORIC VILLAGE HALL - 2 nd FLOOR ROOM

# CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Commission members - Chairman Jolitz Members: Nee and Purn. Volunteers - Connie Jacobsen, and Karen Kein Visitors - Cynthia Lee (Jelinek family Decendant)

Due to the fact that there were only three of the seven Commission Members in attendance, there was not a Quorum present and the meeting could not be called to order.

Secretary 12-14-11
Date Approved