

**Henniker Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009
Town Hall Conference Room**

Attending: Jon Evans, Barbara G. French, Arthur Kendrick, Martha Taylor, Danielle Bissonnette, Commissioners.

Called to Order at 10:05am.

1. April 14, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. May 12, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
3. Sounding Board Committee update was presented by Jon Evans. Previously a telephone poll was taken to vote on one of three options for conservation of the sounding board. This vote was forwarded to the Committee. It was to approve the middle priced option and the one that was recommended by Jim Garvin of the State Historical Resources Office. The Historical Society also approved this option. The sounding board will be resurfaced in the original color with a “window” left to show how it looks now with several layer of paint.
4. The memorial trees on the Town Hall property were discussed. We chose to table any further action on the Ron Rosenbleeth and Louis Damour trees. We do not want to encourage any more memorial trees to be asked to be planted. We agreed that the Bound Tree Oak should have a marker flush to the ground. Barbara French will ask Ging or Don Blanchard if in fact it was a sapling or a cutting. We discussed the wording needed on the marker but need the information from the Blanchards to finalize it. Line 1: Bicentennial Tree Line 2: Planted 1968
Line 3: Bound Tree _____ .
5. Membership on the Committee is up for Barbara French on September 1st. She is not re-applying for membership. The Commission voted unanimously to thank Barbara for her dedicated long term service to the Commission. We will miss her excellent input during our discussions.

Tom Dunn has applied for the open position.

Jon passed out the results of the survey for member recruitment trait rankings. We were asked to review the list and bring suggestions for Alternate members.

6. Town Hall upstairs renovations were discussed. It was mentioned that the town hall staff is resistant to having a theater up there. We voted to support renovations to continue toward allowing community use as well as for town hall business.

7. It was reported that the Community Profile Project did not come up with any definite suggestions that the Historic District Commission would need to be officially involved in.
8. The Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Project has agreed to have Old Concord Road and Western Avenue as well as the new Route 202-9 designated as the Byway to Hillsboro. Martha agreed to add the Town Hall as an historic site to be visited.
9. Election of Officers was held.
The following slate of officers was nominated and unanimously voted into office:
Chairman- Jon Evans
Vice-Chair – Danielle Bissonnette
Secretary – Martha Taylor

Next meeting will be held on October 13, 2009 at 9am at Town Hall

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Taylor
Secretary