



Town of Hollis Heritage Commission

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HOLLIS HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2026

Town Hall Community Room

MEMBERS OF THE HHC: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto Chair; Sharon McCaffrey, Vice Chair; Susan Benz, Select Board Representative; Karla Vogel, Treasurer; Jan Larmouth, Recording Secretary; Tim Morgan, Regular Member; Erol Duymazlar, Historic District Commission Representative; David Getman, Alternate

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Jan Larmouth, Karla Vogel, David Getman, Tim Morgan, Erol Duymazlar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon McCaffrey, Susan Benz, Aurelia Perry

CALL TO ORDER: 6:53 pm. David Getman was appointed to vote as a regular member.

APPROVAL OF HHC MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of June 2026 – moved by Karla, seconded by David. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Karla reports that the balances are as below, as of the end of June:

Heritage Fund: \$2,244.37

- Expenses: \$250.00 – 250th celebration laundry demonstration
- \$25.00 – Old Home Day booth rental – expenses not posted

Cooper Shop: \$2,374.03

- Expenses: none
- Income: none

White Barn: \$10,897.40

- Expenses: none
- Income: \$2800 – calendar sponsorship - income not posted
- Bank Interest: \$29.21

Total Citizen's checking account: \$16,742.00

BUSINESS:

Projects:

- **White Barn**

- **Metal posts/DPW:** Jan reported that the DPW has removed some items from the White Barn that are parts of guardrails.
- **Clean out:** Cassandra suggested that we postpone further clean up at the barn until September, when the weather is cooler. She suggested contacting the HB High National Honor Society for volunteers. Members agreed.

Cassandra will contact the HB High National Honor society in September.

- **Painting progress:** Tim mentioned that the painters were at the barn and had completed the siding. They still needed to paint the trim. David stated that the side of the barn facing his home looked much better with the plywood removed from the windows.

- **Gambrel Barn**

- **Inventory of contents:** Tim stated that he has begun an inventory of the contents.

Tim will forward the inventory to Cassandra when complete.

- **Ice House**

- **Update regarding rotting boards etc.:** Erol has been unable to contact his friend for help with replacing the rotting boards. He also stated that the building needs to have some work done on the site because the pitch of the ground allows water to pool near the base. His equipment has recently been repaired and he will complete the grading prior to replacing the boards.

- **Cooper Shop**

- **Inventory of contents – volunteers:** Tim stated that he has an inventory completed and will forward it to Cassandra.
- **Finish flooring in the loft – Inspect boards at White Barn for use:** Tim and Erol will schedule a date to perform this task.
- **250th Celebration Update:** Cassandra remarked that Katey Corrigan, the woman who did the 18th century laundry celebration, was a big hit with both children and adults. There were many visitors in the shop who had never been inside before. The 18th century children's games were also well received by the children.
- **Katey and Cooper for HOHD:** Jan had contacted Katey and she is not available on September 19th. Karla and Jan had tried to contact the cooper who had previously attended, but have not had a reply.

Jan will contact the cooper via a new email and seek out other options.

- **Contact Hollis School District - potential for educational opportunities:** Cassandra will contact the school district to offer visits to the cooper shop as an educational opportunity to elementary school students.

Farley Building Select Board Meeting Update:

The select board meeting discussed next steps for the Farley Building at Liz Barbour's request. There were a number of supporters in the audience for moving forward with restoring/renovating the building. One aspect discussed was the removal of the fire protection system.

Cassandra stated that the Heritage Commission supports the restoration/renovation and that Liz Barbour will keep our commission informed of progress.

Calendar Planning:

The photos for the 2027 calendar were chosen prior to this meeting. A discussion was held about securing sponsors for the remaining months. A suggestion was made to dedicate a month in the memory of Honi Glover. Karla also suggested that we offer personal “business card” ads to individuals to commemorate events.

Several members will contact businesses for sponsorship. Karla will compile the photos chosen and send a file to the members. Karla will do a Facebook post related to personal business cards to gauge interest. Jan will organize the text for the calendar prior to sending it to the printer.

Volunteers and Additional Members: This topic was deferred to the next meeting.

Speaker series - Ice Harvesting January 2027: Cassandra has secured a speaker for January 30, 2027 on the topic of Ice Harvesting in New England. Karla suggested that we partner with the Hollis Historical Society to publicize the event. Jan made a motion to spend up to \$300 to cover the expenses for the speaker. Tim seconded. Motion carried. Additional information will follow.

Hollis Old Home Days: Planning will take place at the August meeting.

Historic District Commission Report:

Erol updated the members on the HDC activities:

- A rock wall will replace the fence removed at the corner of Merrill Lane and Depot Road.
- A sign was approved on Ash St.
- Solar panels were deemed out of public view and approved for installation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Our Ex-officio member, Honi Glover, recently passed away. Her obituary requests donations for the Heritage Commission. Karla has spoken to the Director of Finance who will set up a line item in the HHC budget to track any donations received.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm was made by Tim and seconded by Erol. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next Meeting to be held at 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Larmouth, Recording Secretary.

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