

Wakefield Heritage Commission

April 2, 2007 Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: Pam Judge, Nancy Bancroft, Connie Twombly, Peter Brown, Beth MacRury, Mark Duffy

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: Warrants were signed for outstanding bills, Eastern Propane fuel application that was tabled was discussed and Connie will be calling to let them to remove the tank. Mark Duffy informed us fuel for the town is Webber and we need to request inclusion in the next bid for the account.

Old Business:

Town Hall Peter Brown and Pam Judge reviewed the application review sheet for placing the Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. Selectmen still need to do a cover letter Pam will follow up with Robin on the Selectman letter.

They made recommendations and came up with the following synopsis as follows:

Name of CLG: Town of Wakefield, NH

Name of Nominated Property: Wakefield Town Hall

Street Address: 2 High Street, Sanbornville, NH 03872

Owner: Town of Wakefield

Address: 2 High Street, Sanbornville

Telephone: 522-9286

Evaluation:

The Wakefield Town Hall was designed by Alvah T. Ramsdell, one of New Hampshire's prominent architects, and constructed in 1895. It is a large, rectangular, brick building of the Romanesque style. A two story hip-roofed building (46 x 78), it has a 75-foot tall square pyramid stair, bell, and clock tower. The Town Hall is well preserved and retains the integrity of its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association for the period of significance, 1895-1957. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C at the local level.

Applicable Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):

N/A

Possesses Sufficient Integrity:

Yes

Additional Comments:

The Town of Wakefield is geographically quite diverse and thus comprised of several different villages. With the extension of the railroad to Sanbornville, this village became the economic center of Wakefield bringing all areas of the town together. Since its construction, the Town Hall has been the centerpiece for governmental, business, cultural, social, and even educational activities. Further, through the efforts of the Wakefield Heritage Commission, the street passing the building has been designated a Scenic Byway increasing the awareness of this area. The Town Hall certainly deserves the National Register of Historic Places designation and thus appropriate further preservation.

Train Station:

Pam spoke with Lynn Monroe about info in dealing with the restoration of the Union Railroad Station and where to start. She spoke with Joyce McKay from Cultural Resources and Rom Ramilla from Department of Transportation about enhancement funds. The next funds are available 2011 make application in 2009. Both Lynn and Joyce suggested an architect to do a review of the building she contacted Paul Gosselin of Salmon Falls Architecture and he would be interested and will meet with her to look at the building. She also suggested that we need a detailed plan for the building and suggested a future meeting in Concord.

We need to take pictures of elevation and interior, sketches, take measurements and a plan (wants and dreams). Pam will continue with this and call Joyce back.

Open House

Open house was discussed. It was decided to wait until toward the end of May beginning of June. We want people to come and give us their memories and thoughts, idea's.

Pride Day Was discussed and the Heritage will be doing a team for the Greater Wakefield Challenge on Friday the 18th. Peter and Bill will be on the team. We will be

playing for the Union Railroad Station. Pancake breakfast - Pam will organize this for Pride Day- Peter, Lauren, will be helping. Plaques will be sold. We need to come up with something for a promotion for the Union RR station.

Spinney Pam spoke to Harold Roberts, Friends of Spinney Meeting House. He and Judy Levis, are trying to get the Old Bible from Union Church as they have a new one, also we are requesting the flag and a couple of chairs from the Reunion Grange.

Canal Mark Duffy spoke to the State of NH and according to them the Canal is completely in Wakefield. Peter is almost ready to send all the paperwork to the State Registry for placement on the State Registry.

Other Beth announced that she will be retiring from the Heritage Commission as of May 1. She made some suggestions for the future. Records and files need to be moved from Beth's to the Union Station. Peter, Phil and Bill will move these things. Peter has donated a file cabinet he and Bill Judge will move it to the station. Chairman and Vice Chairman was discussed for the Heritage Commission. Connie nominated Pam for chairman for one year, was seconded by Nancy Bancroft all in favor. Peter will stay on for one year as Vice Chair.

Pam discussed with Rick Sager, Town Atty. about increasing the number of alternates for the Heritage. He said it must go before the Planning Board next year. This will be something to do next year if we would like to increase the alternates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10