

******Wakefield Heritage**

May 2nd

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pam Judge, Peter Brown, Connie Twombly, Nancy Bancroft

GUEST

Snookie Shea

MINUTES:

Peter Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of April 25th, Connie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Warrant signed to pay outstanding electric bill for Union Station and Grange as well as bill from Jerome Libby for starting furnace and plowing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a thank-you from Beth McRury. We received a letter for renewal from the Preservation Alliance. Peter made a motion for the \$50 renewal fee, and Connie seconded. Passed Unanimously. At this point, we welcomed Snookie Shea as a visitor to our meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RR Station

Pam met with Paul Gosselin on 5/2/07 in the afternoon. He took pictures and agreed that we need a vision for where we want to go with the station. He will prepare a contract for the next meeting, which he feels should be based on an hourly rate. He recommends that we have the land surveyed, and initiate a discussion with the railroad about crossing the tracks. Paul recommended that we strip the roof down to the first layer to determine what the original materials were, and the siding should be removed. He expects to have drawings for the first meeting in June. We will need a dumpster for the roof (Check with Robin). The board was in favor of all Paul's suggestions.

Pam will contact Tom Damon, Jerome Libby, and Craig or Al Hill for bids on the roof repairs. She will also talk to surveyors, Land Tech, John

Knight, and Terry Fox. Pam will call New Hampshire North Coast Railroad about the track crossing. A discussion about how to name the railroad station followed. The consensus was to call it Union Station. Nancy Bancroft made a motion to make this the official name, and Connie Twombly seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Pride Day

We still need help for the Pancake Breakfast; Connie will be there to work the breakfast. Bill and Peter will pick up the plaques on Saturday, May 5th from Beth McRury.

Town Hall

On April 30th, the town hall was nominated to the historic register in front of the DHR (Department of Historic Resources) and was accepted.

Spinney Meeting House

The Friends of Spinney Meeting House would like to have the Spinney Meeting House open from one to three PM on Pride Day. We need to have this added to the Pride Day Program. Peter Brown made a motion to allow the Friends of Spinney Meeting House to open the building from one to three PM on May 19th. Connie Twombly seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Harold Roberts is still trying to obtain the bible, flag, and chairs that he had located.

Selectman's Report

Mark Duffy thinks he will be able to attend most of the meetings at the new time. He will check if the boy scouts would be able to clean the yard around the station as a project.

WPI (Wakefield Projects, Inc.)

Pam attended the WPI meeting and made a presentation. They are interested in working together with us on future projects. At this time, the WPI is currently working on the balcony in the Opera House.

Generic

The signal light is at the town barn. We need to make arrangements to bring it to the station.

Pam would like Snookie Shea to make up a list of people he feels would be interested in the Railroad Station, and we will send them invitations to

the open house. These names will form a base for a “Friends of Union Station” group.

Note: it was suggested that we have an evening for railroaders to exchange stories about the history of the station and the railroad, and record them.

Snookie will talk to Donnie Gray about recovering the video of all the old interviews.

NEW BUSINESS

Alternate Vacancies

Snookie Shea, Jerry Wentworth and Ralph Currier have all expressed an interest in this position. We must make a decision in June. Snookie mentioned other people that might be interested in helping as Norm Pateal (sp?). The RSA allows for seven members and five alternates. We must go the Town Meeting if we want to increase the number of members. Pam Judge suggested that we propose to the planning Board that we would have the discretion to increase to 7 members and 5 alternates. Peter Brown made the motion to go to seven members and five alternates. Connie Twombly seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The rule by the Historic District Commission by previous board vote is that any member with two un-excused absences could be replaced. Pam Judge will speak to Nancy Spencer Smith. Peter Brown made a motion, and Connie Twombly seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Other

We are looking at June for the open house of the Railroad station.

At this point a motion was made to adjourn, but the meeting was re-opened to discuss a reception for Beth. The reception would be jointly sponsored by the selectman and Heritage commission to be held at the town Hall on June 10th at 1:00 pm. We would like to have Joe Kenney and Raymond Burton attend. The goal is to focus on what Beth has accomplished in the town of Wakefield. An idea was to create a display of some of some of her accomplishments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy E. Bancroft