

Wakefield Heritage Commission  
November 5, 2008 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03, pm

Members Present

John Waitner, Nancy Bancroft, Pam Judge, Kelly Shea, Connie Twombly and Snooky Shea

Minutes

Two changes were made to the last meeting's minutes. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. John seconded. Unanimous.

Financial

Pam discussed what is left in Funds 1 and 4. Fund 4 has a balance of \$6,532.49 through October 23.

Connie made a motion to put on file for audit. Nancy seconded. Unanimous.

The National Trust renewal for \$15.00 was received on October 22.

A bill was received from Johnson's Paint for \$1,137.00. Most of this was from the Grange with a small portion used at the railroad station.

A \$149.23 bill was received from Long Meadow Hardware; \$125.00 of this was for the chipper rental.

John made a motion to pay the three bills. Connie seconded. Unanimous.

Correspondence

The Commission received a copy of Preservation Magazine.

A letter was received from D.F. Richard in regard to the oil tank at the railroad station. They will not deliver fuel until the venting and alarm systems are repaired. The estimate for this is \$2,495.00 with \$42.00 per hour for labor, plus parts. If a standard, traditional steel tank is installed, \$400.00 will be deducted from the cost.

Snooky made a motion that we table this issue until we can look into this further. John seconded. Unanimous.

CLG Grant

In regard to the community presentation, Pam has not had an answer as of yet as to whether or not the Commission can utilize the Wakefield Resource Center. We are waiting to hear back from the Board about this.

Snow Plow Railcar

Pam contacted Terry Gannom. He has not heard anything about the insurance. Pam contacted Dick White of Clyde Foss Agency to discuss the details. He is now looking into this.

Pam met with Peter Olkkola. Two issues were discussed. He informed her that Gary Hoag is no longer the president of New Hampshire Northcoast. They also discussed railroad ties for the railcar. They decided that 40 will be needed.

Spinney Meeting House

The Commission has received a donation of five hand-made antique plank chairs with stenciling, from the Muriel D. Bond Estate.

Grange

The repairs have been completed. The sign has been painted, but still needs to be

installed.

Pam spoke with Don Silcox about the electricity and well. Discussion ensued. John plans to take a look at the well and will contact Don about winterization.

#### Railroad Station

Snooky and Joe winterized the railroad station last weekend.

David Pratt told Snooky that he believes that the original mailboxes are in his neighbor's attic. Snooky will follow up on this.

Roger Libby discussed with Snooky that he has the ramp that went from the freight house to the boxcar and is willing to donate it. Snooky will follow up on this, as well.

#### Freight House

Pam has not heard back from Tom Damon as of yet.

#### Wakefield Town Hall

The roof repairs have been completed. A bill for \$200.00 more than what was estimated was received from Tom Damon. A check was sent to him for \$5,700.00. Also, a note was sent with the check asking for an explanation as to what the extra \$200.00 was for, as this payment must be authorized from Town funds. John plans to do the wood repairs.

#### New Business

John spoke with Robin in regard to the Heritage Commission display case that will be at the Town Hall. He plans to complete this after the first of the new year.

#### Master Plan

In January, we will begin work on the Heritage Chapter for the master plan. Examples of this can be seen online for Stratham, Exeter and Hollis.

#### Website Hosting

Pam purchased our domain name, Wakefield Heritage Commission. The website and blog are still up for discussion. The members considered hosts, as proposed by Joe's son-in-law. We also discussed funding.

John made a motion to subscribe to the GoDaddy website host, for the Heritage Commission website, for two years at the economy plan being offered today. Connie seconded. Unanimous

#### Other

Freedom is considering ways to protect/preserve their historic buildings and invited us to attend, as they heard we were experienced in this with many successes. Pam and John were present.

Some artifacts were received from Gerald Lang, grandson of Rueben Lang, the Town's Fire Warden for over 44 years. The items include his keys, which went to every public building in Town, as well as his suspenders and a newspaper article. The Commission has received the double-entry journal from 1884, purchased on E-Bay, of Pastor Mansur of Spinney Meeting House. The members discussed preservation of the book. We also discussed having an event surrounding the journal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15, pm

The next meeting will be on November 15, 2008 at the Wakefield Town Hall  
Submitted by Kelly Shea