

Wakefield Heritage Commission
June 18, 2008 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10, pm.

Members Present

Pam Judge, John Waitner, Kelly Shea, Joe Brejwo, Snooky Shea and Connie Twombly

Minutes

John made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 2, 2008 meeting. Snooky seconded. One member abstained.

Financial

Pam turned in the proceeds from the White Elephant Sale, \$1,303.67.

Correspondence

Pam picked some bills up this afternoon but did not have the warrant to sign at this particular meeting. The Commission will catch up at a later date.

There was a paragraph in the *New Hampshire Preservation Alliance News, Summer 2008 Edition* stating that Lynn Emerson Monroe of *Preservation Company* was awarded for "exceptional leadership and achievement."

Union Area Survey

Pam will schedule a meeting with Laura from *Preservation Company* for next week.

Heritage Beautification Project

Snooky is still working on getting a price for the trees from his daughter-in-law, who is affiliated with *Elf's Landscaping*.

Pam received a telephone call from *Profile Bank* in regard to the planting of trees on their property. Pam explained the project should be underway sometime in the fall.

Pam would like to see the Sawmill Bridge project get underway.

Grange

John made a visit to the Grange. A PVC waterpipe, approximately two winters ago, burst and the surrounding floor is now rotten; approximately 100 square feet. John was curious about how much money the Commission would like to put into the floor at this juncture. The Commission members agreed that it is important to repair the floor as soon as possible as it will only get worse.

Joe made a motion that *Colonial Period Renovators* will pull the rotted portion of the floor up and we will make a decision at a future date. Connie seconded. Three members were for this and one was against. One member abstained.

Pam added that *Colonial Period Renovators* are willing to do this and report back to the Commission at no additional cost.

Spinney Meeting House

Pam made an appointment with *Tucker Extermination* for 9am on Thursday morning to rid the building of carpenter ants. Connie volunteered to be there for the appointment. It will cost \$400.00 and is guaranteed.

Union Station

The Commission, after discussing all paint bids at length at the last meeting, decided to have *Aaron's Painting* of Portsmouth paint the station. He will start in a week and a half. Pam explained to him that the gutters are not completely repaired. Aaron will begin his prep. work

while Jim Hall, of *Spiderblue Painting*, does the repairs. He started this project today. We need to find out if we will need any additional insurance.

Some things that must be completed in the near future at the station include moving items out of the shed and into the freight house. Pam's husband looked at the shed and decided that some of the plywood can be salvaged. The deck needs to be cut in half and hauled away. Also, the tables inside the station need to be moved into the freight house. Joe and John volunteered to help Bill Judge on Friday morning around 8:30, am.

Snooky spoke with David Towle, who seems to still be interested in the Union Station project. David thinks that the Commission should have someone come in and lift the freight house with hydraulics. The members agreed that that is a great idea but that the station itself is our first priority. Focus will be on the station and we will deal with the sills and other repairs associated with the freight house in the spring or fall.

Heritage Day/Park

Signs

Nancy made a suggestion to Pam that we show the Commission's goals via sections of a train. John's suggestion to the Commission was to have a large sign, using actual rail as posts. The members agreed that both ideas were great.

The Commission discussed possible events for Heritage Day which include but are not limited to exhibits, demonstrations, personal memories, stories, etc. We also discussed possible guest speakers for the event. Connie, Pam and Kelly will get together at a later date for discussion and planning.

Old Wakefield Town Hall/Wakefield Corner

John, Pam, Joe and Snooky met with Elizabeth Heinlein, co-chair of the Parish Helpers. They walked the perimeter of the building, looked at and discussed the damage done to the roof from a fallen tree. Several cosmetic repairs must be done to the building. They also discussed the sagging kitchen floor. A heavy cook stove may be the culprit. Further discussion of these issues will ensue.

Members of the Commission looked at a copy of the lease for the building. It is a ten year term which expires March 31, 2009. It states that the lessee (the Parish Helpers) must, at their own expense, maintain the premises and that "the lessee shall maintain insurance on the premises." This agreement started in 1899 when the building was new and maintenance was not an issue. Pam will speak with Robin, the Town Administrator, explaining that this needs to be dealt with differently. Pam and Connie will see if they can set an appointment with her on Monday to discuss the issues at hand.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55, pm.

The next meeting will be on July 2, 2008 at 7:00, pm at the Wakefield Town Hall.
Submitted by Kelly Shea