

Wakefield Historical Commission
September 3, 2008 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05, pm

Minutes

There was not a copy of the last meeting minutes available. The members will go over those minutes at the September 17 meeting.

Members Present

Connie Twombly, John Waitner, Pam Judge, Kelly Shea, Snooky Shea and Ken Paul

Correspondence

The NEMA conference is November 12-14 and will be held in Warwick, RI. Connie and John are interested in attending. Also, a thank you letter was sent to the Commission for renewing our membership. Final decisions, in regard to who will be going to the conference will be made at the next meeting.

The Commission received a copy of Preservation Magazine.

The members want to address the laws on the books in regard to preserving local stonewalls.

Heritage Day/Park

Pam received a call from Pat and Dan Sullivan, of the Union Village Co-op in reference to a block party that is scheduled for September 6 with a rain date of September 13. The purpose of the group is to "offer Union residents an opportunity to work and interact locally to save money, gas, and time, and to develop a wider community social base." The Co-op has use of the Greater Wakefield Resource Center and would like to have use of Heritage Park, as well. The Sullivans stated that they already had permission to have use of the park. Pam spoke with Robin and there were some discrepancies as to what was approved and what areas will be needed to carry out the festivities. The Commission discussed the issue at hand. The members are happy to have the community use the park. It was developed for the Village and the Town. For its use, permission must come from the Commission, as well as the Town. There will be no problem with use on September 6 or September 13. The members discussed rules and guidelines that must be followed in order to utilize the park. They include trash pickup; RR clearance for events; if electricity is used, a fee will be involved; use must be approved by the Selectmen and the Commission; etc.

CLG Grant

The members answered questions in regard to various local historical sites and buildings that must be answered in order to receive the CLG Grant. Some questions, at this juncture, remain unanswered. John and Snooky will meet tomorrow morning at the Union Congregational Church to answer a question about that building.

Snow Plow

A 1904 snow plow that worked on the Wolfeboro line is to be donated by Terry Gannom of Acton, ME. Terry will continue to be the owner and will be responsible for maintenance. Robin will see what Town insurance requires. Also, we need to see if a building permit will be needed. Robin, the Town Administrator, said that the town crew could help move the plow when the time comes.

October 4 Dedication

An endowment for a donation is in the works for October 4. Nothing has been set in stone as of yet. It has also not been confirmed that the donor can be present.

Grange

Last week, John began demolition for reconstruction. There is so much damage that he questioned if the privy was even worth saving. Frost has lifted the floor and caused a large bump. A decision was made amongst the members that with cost, it would be best to just demolish it. The well is underneath and close to the privy and the concrete is cracked. It burst several winters ago and there is no water.

Only a few windows need to be glazed. John will begin this project next week.

Aaron's painting has begun work on the outside of the building. Aaron will scrape, prime and paint.

Spinney Meeting House

The ceiling is complete.

There is an open house scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 2:00. pm. It is advertised in several locations, including on the local television station. The members discussed cleaning and maintenance.

Wakefield Town Hall

The members discussed the bids. Tom Damon has been chosen to repair the roof at the Town Hall for \$5,400.00. He will strip and board where needed. We will provide a dumpster.

Colonial Period Renovators has been chosen to replace the threshold at the front door, restore the window sill on the north side, restore the window sill at the rear and construct a new door for the crawl space at the rear for \$1,850.00.

Connie made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen a bid from Thomas Damon for \$5,400.00 for shingling the roof of the Old Town Hall and from Colonial Period Renovators, the bid for restoration work for \$1,850.00. Snooky seconded. Discussion followed. Ken amended that we ask Tom to install a six foot ice shield. Connie seconded. Unanimous. John abstained.

The Commission feels there should be a change in the lease signed by the Parish Helpers. The lease should be looked at and adjusted. Pam has spoken with the Parish Helpers and they want to stay in the building. They will keep the building painted as needed and pay the electricity. Their lease is up in March. Pam will e-mail Robin and Ken with all the details.

2009 Budget

The sub-committee met with Robin last week. The Commission discussed increases and decreases in various expenses. The final budget will be reworked and approved by the Selectmen.

Other

The Selectmen are working on developing a Town seal. They are debating whether or not there should be a contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50, pm

The next meeting will be on September 17, 2008 at 7:00, pm at the Wakefield Town Hall

Submitted by Kelly Shea