

Wakefield Heritage Commission
May 7, 2008 Minutes

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

Members Present

Joe Brejwo, Nancy Bancroft, Pam Judge, John Waitner, Ken Paul, Barry Bishop and Snooky Shea

Guests Present

Paul Gosselin, past member and the owner of Salmon Falls Architecture.
Barry will act as a regular member for this meeting.

Minutes not available.

Pam presented warrant with bills for signature. Final bill was received from Sean McManus for residing the train station, as his job has been completed.

The current unaudited balance in our Fund 4 account is \$47,413.51.

Spinney Meeting House

At 7:15 the Spinney Meeting House ceiling bids were opened. Four people had received bid packages. Only one bid was returned: Dan and Jim Perkins for \$11,700.00. The Commission would like to check references and view jobs they have completed. We also would like to know who the sub-contractor plasterer is and check his references/work. Insurance certificates must be presented.

John motioned NOT to construct stonewall and remove all stone materials for same at SMH. The motion was seconded by Snooky and the vote was unanimous not to construct.

Heritage Beautification Project

Pam thanked Barry for a good job presenting this project at the Greater Wakefield Chamber of Commerce meeting Saturday night. Joe Fluet will donate a tree, the Pub and Profile Bank will purchase a tree for their sites. Jim Bennett will allow removal of small pines on his sites to allow a maple to grow. Steve Jette, who owns a lot near the Sawmill Bridge, will allow us to plant and improve this site. Snooky suggested we should investigate prices that would include planting, as there may be a guarantee for survival. Barry is concerned that we use an established company with a known reputation. Snooky will get a list of trees from Barry and get prices from Elf's on Rt. 202.

Union Station

Pam reported on her meeting with Gary Hogg, President of NH Northcoast and John Robinson of NH DOT Rails Division. After nearly a year of discussions, it was agreed that they would allow the Commission to have a pedestrian crossing over the tracks so the parking can be on the freight house lot and the entire Station parcel can be used for Heritage Park and the RR Museum. There will be safety conditions compiled for later agreement. Gary Hogg said he would encourage his atty to expedite the deed to the Town of Wakefield for their strip of land in Turntable Park so a presentation can be made on Pride Day. NHN has a policy that does not allow others to use the RR tracks so we cannot plan an event from Sanbornville to Union on Heritage Day. The RR will participate and have an engine and caboose here for Pride Day and Heritage Day.

Pam suggested we schedule educational presentations for Heritage Day. Everyone agreed and she will ask Sally Burr if she would be willing to do one on freight. We need to plan other events for the day.

We are still waiting to hear if the Town Hall will be responsible for initial clean up at Heritage Park. HC will do flowers and hope to get a volunteer again for regular mowing.

It was decided to remove the combination storm doors and windows. Later, we will have to add a storm panel.

Two bids were presented for the repair of the wooden gutters on the station. E.F. Dolaher & Sons presented two options: replacement for \$12,500.00 or repair at \$35.00/hr time and materials. The second bid was from Jim Hall of Spider Blue Painting for \$4,000.00. He would repair existing gutters in this bid. He also presented references to be checked. Barry made the motion to go with Spider Blue Painting, who will repair the gutters as required by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation guidelines. This was seconded by John. The vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

Pam explained she had spoken with David Towle and he does not have the time to do the model train at the Station. She will thank him for the work he has done and remind him we will work with him on this later should he wish to pursue the idea.

Pam reminded us of the White Elephant Sale. Nancy offered to help on Friday with pricing.

Joe offered to be on site this Saturday from noon until 2:00, pm for receiving saleable items.

Pam and Bill have cleaned up all the shakes around the Station and have taken them to the landfill. John has a magnetic device and he will clean up the nails.

Grange Hall

Three bids have been received for work here. One for painting, one for rot, etc. and one that combines some of the two. Pam will speak to the "combination" bidder to separate items so we can make a decision at our next meeting. The painting bids do not include paint. Pam has secured a contractor's discount through Johnson's Paint and Paper in Wolfeboro. The primer will be oil and the two finish coats latex. The cost for paint is estimated at \$1,535.00. Barry suggested we use a very dark green on windows and doors instead of black.

Pride Day

Pam will speak with Barry and Kelly about the booth. Nancy has ordered the hats. Need to be sure Selectmen are available for the NHN presentation.

CLG Grant

The Union Project Survey is scheduled to begin the beginning of June.

2008 CLG Grant

Nancy motioned for Pam to write request for putting the canal and stone bridge on the National Register. John seconded this. Everyone voted in favor. The deadline for postmark is may 29. Ken suggested Pam e-mail Robin to be sure the Selectmen will vote in favor of this. They will need to sign this at their May 28 meeting and Pam will have to mail the next day.

Old Town Hall

Pam reviewed the background of the work needed to be done here. She has e-mailed one of the Presidents to arrange for viewing the building. No answer at this time.

New Business

Since DHR suggests there is a Historical Resources chapter in the Town's master plan, Pam attended the last Planning Board and requested this additional chapter. They agreed as long as the Heritage Commission does the work for this. Pam will organize for this fall.

John motioned to adjourn at 9:05, pm. Barry seconded
Submitted by Kelly Shea