

Wakefield Heritage Commission
January 7, 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15, pm

Members Present

Pam Judge, John Waitner, Snooky Shea, Joe Brejwo and Kelly Shea, alternate, acted as a voting member

Minutes

Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. John seconded. They will be placed on file.

Financial

The members reviewed all of Funds 1 and 4, which has a little more than \$14,000.00. All bills are in for 2008, except for one clerical. The final number is not reconciled at this time.

Correspondence

Pam received two letters from Bill Lander, Superintendent, of SAU #64. The first was in regard to meeting with local civic groups, the purpose being to educate children about their community. The second is in regard to the grammar school bell, which has been stored at the Wakefield Recreation Department for some time. It has been decided that the HC be custodian of the bell. The members have agreed to be responsible.

John made a motion to accept responsibility of the bell under the terms of School Administration Unit 64.

Arrangements will be made to transport the bell.

A letter was received from the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance regarding a meeting to discuss the watersheds of several of our local lakes. The HC members would like to attend to discuss the canal. John plans to RSVP.

CLG Grant

The CLG Grant has been totally paid and is complete. An addendum has to be provided by Preservation Company stating if the area, or part of the area surveyed, is eligible as a historic district and if any buildings are eligible for a National Registry nomination. If there is an area, it will need to be delineated on a map by Lynn of Preservation Company.

Members' scheduling conflicts are cause for the postponement of the CLG presentation, to be held at the Wakefield Resource Center. Tentative dates, as well as snow dates, were discussed. Pam will contact the WRC.

Member responsibilities, as far as preparation for the presentation, were discussed.

Snowplow Rail Car

No action to be taken at this time.

Website

Joe, John, Eric and Pam met and began work on the website. The homepage has been established and they are working on the rest, which John has provided an outline for. Property owners of historic homes in the district have been asked to offer information. Many are enthusiastic.

Goals and Projects for 2009

The members need to decide on plans for Pride Day, Heritage Day, the historic chapter of the master plan and other activities, as well as the continuing maintenance and restoration of our buildings.

Pam has asked that each member consider this and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

CIP

Pam will meet on Tuesday at 2:00, pm with Kathy Menici, the Town Planner. The final Capital

Improvement Plan has been submitted for our properties.

Canal Bridge Plan

Pam met with Robin and has made contact with DHR and the DOT in regard to historical repair. Pam will follow-up on this.

Other

John looked at the freight house roof and has determined that it is secure until spring. The members will monitor the snow load.

Snooky will call Roger Libby in regard to picking up the ramp he has generously donated.

Attendance concerns were discussed. Contact with Pam or John should be made if a member will not be present for a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00, pm