

Wakefield Heritage Commission

December 2, 2009

Members Present: Pam Judge, John Waitner, Nancy Bancroft, Connie Twombly, Joe Brejwo, Snooky Shea, Kelly Shea (alternate), and Nancy Hall (alternate)

Members Not Present: Barry Bishop (alternate), Ken Paul (selectmen representative)

Guests: Dave Mankus, Phil Twombly, Garrett Anthony, James Locke

Financials: The Warrant was signed. There is approximately \$15,500.00 in Fund 4.

Minutes: Connie made a motion to accept the October 7th minutes. Joe seconded the motion. John abstained. Motion passed.

Joe made a motion to accept the November 4th minutes with corrections. Snooky seconded the motion. Connie, Nancy B., Nancy H. and John abstain. Motion passed.

Spinney Meeting House: The organ was moved and photos were taken. We are still waiting for the article to be published in the newspaper.

Grange: Barbara Schnurbush closed 'Biddy's Place' the second weekend in November. She is looking forward to having her shop open again next year. NH Preservation Alliance has cataloged over 100 screens from Town Halls and Granges throughout NH. Pam let them know there is one at the Grange. Fire Chief should look at the chimney and the furnace should be cleaned. The oil tank is full but it has been about 10 years since it has been used.

Union Railroad Station: Craig Farley has offered his labor free of charge. Using the original blue prints, he has drawn up the plans for the Station Master's Office and bathroom and applied for the building permit. Craig has also made a list of materials needed. We received the building permit. Phil has purchased the listed materials. Bill Judge and Phil Twombly have cleaned out the basement and taken all the debris to the dump. The bathroom has been torn out by Phil. There is about 100' of specialized trim needed for the restoration. Phil will be checking around with local folks that maybe able to provide this.

The refrigerator and the television that were donated are now at the station.

Eagle Scout Project: Garrett Anthony came to report that his project has been approved as an Eagle Scout Project. Garrett has made up letters to the local businesses looking for donations. It was suggested he use the land owners name and the Heritage Commission in these letters. He would like to make a small park using risers w/ pressure treated wood for walkway and a patio area made of brick pavers with three benches, a couple lilac trees and a dogwood with a flagpole with lighting. Pam spoke with Selectman Mark Duffy about this. Dave Mankus suggested a conservation easement for this area. The future maintenance of the park may be able to be a service project of the local Boy Scout Troop

198. Garrett will type up the agreement between him and the WHC and will drop it off at Pam's office. The park should be dedicated to the Jette Family for donating the land. Connie brought up the suggestion to research the name of Rines Road vs. Rhines Road.

James Locke: James Locke had stopped at the Union Station months ago and spoke with Phil. He has been an entertainer for many years. He has offered to put on a full show, 100% of the proceeds would go to WHC. He is suggesting a two hour show with a 20 minute intermission. We will check into a few options and see when and where we would like to do this. A lot of PR will be needed. It has been decided to do this in March when there is not too much going on. It was decided that a Saturday would be best. Pam will check when the Opera House is available. A subcommittee was formed with Connie, Dave Mankus, Pam, Nancy B. to begin initial planning. A meeting is scheduled for December 10th.

Semaphore: Phil and Bill have removed everything from David Towle's workshop. The lenses have been installed and everything is being stored in the freight house. In the spring it will have to be assembled and installed. Connie mentioned we should get a card out to Peter Olkkola as he has been a great friend and asset for the Heritage Commission.

Master Plan: Pam suggested we apply for a CLG Grant which has a 60/40 match. Discussion ensued regarding this and funding options. Nancy B. made a motion we apply for the CLG Grant to do a Historical and Cultural Resource Chapter. Connie seconded the motion. Joe abstained. Motion passed. Pam will write a letter to the Selectmen and Planning Board suggesting a joint meeting to discuss this.

Corridor Management Study Group: No action.

Canal/Bridge: Pam learned by viewing the November 24th Selectman's meeting that the Town of Acton did meet with the Town of Wakefield. Pam spoke with Selectman Mark Duffy and he informed her that the discussion was mostly about the water shed and the sides of the road. Pam will forward all her information to the selectmen.

Badges – Pam received a phone call letting her know that there are three badges all paid for just waiting to be engraved. John, Nancy H., Kelly and Joe all need one. Three are paid for and one will need to be paid for.

9:20 meeting adjourned

Submitted by,
Valerie Ward, Secretary

