

## **Wakefield Heritage Commission**

**November 4, 2009**

**Members Present:** Pam Judge, Kelly Shea (alternate for John Waitner), Snooky Shea, Joe Brejwo

**Members Not Present:** John Waitner, Connie Twombly, Nancy Bancroft, Nancy Hall, Barry Bishop (alternate), Ken Paul (selectmen representative)

**Guests:** Phil Twombly

Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

The minutes from October 7, 2009 were reviewed but could not be accepted because members were absent from last meeting.

**Financials:** Pam attended the Budget Committee Hearing on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Pam reviewed the figures. The Budget Committee complimented the Commission on what we have been able to accomplish and they approved the proposed budget for 2010. Two bills presented. One was for the lenses purchased by Phil Twombly and one was for the heat system repair at the railroad.

**Correspondence:** Wakefield Heritage Commission was informed by Association NH Historical Society that we did not receive the award for preservation. We are prepared to apply for another when the opportunity comes along.

We received a donation of a document from Brian Schwatka. This document is a travel voucher to Union from the civil war era. A thank you note will be sent.

**Grange** Barbara Schnurbush will try to keep her gift shop open through out the month of November. She is allowed by the fire department to use an electric heater. Phil has looked at the furnace but advises us not to use it. It needs to be cleaned and serviced. It has not been run for several years.

Buck Ryan from the Wakefield Theater Group has signed an agreement to use the ante room upstairs at the Grange for storage. It has been agreed that the WHC or the Town of Wakefield will not be liable for anything. If they store anything of value, they will have to get insurance.

**Spinney Meeting House:** Today the pump organ (dated 1875) was moved to the Spinney Meeting House. It was donated by Bea and Dave Tibbetts. Phil Twombly and Bill Judge along with Dave Tibbetts moved it. Photos were taken and the newspaper will be notified. A thank you note will be written to the Tibbetts.

**Union Railroad Station:** Dennis Arsenault cleaned the steam boiler, replaced parts and filter. It was suggested that the boiler stay on even if it is a low temperature. Snooky will check it for us every so often.

Pam and Bill would like to donate a television for the Union Station. It is in good working order. Kelly will see if she can get a DVD player donated to go with it.

Pam's sister, Nancy, has offered to donate a refrigerator (no freezer) that is only two years old. This would be used for future events. Both donations have been accepted.

Phil will call the Locke Family. They are a family group who has offered their talents as a donation for a fund raiser.

Phil went into the attic of the Union Station. He presented photos to the Commission. It is obvious where the semaphore will be installed. He found the braces in the roof rafters. It has been authorized that Phil will make arrangements with Dave Towle's to get material for the semaphore to store in freight house.

Phil is ready to start working inside the railroad station. Pam will contact Craig Farley and see if he is available to make plans for the bathroom to be moved to the back of the station and plans for restoring the station master's office.

**Eagle Scout Presentation:** Garrett Anthony would prefer to make a small park area on the triangle between Rines Road and Meadow Street. The owner of the property between Rines Road and Meadow Street is happy to have the property used. There will be an agreement between WHC and the owner of the property. There will be an agreement between Garrett Anthony and WHC. Originally Garrett thought he could do two separate areas but as he plans what it is he wants to do it is becoming obvious he will only be able to do one. Discussion ensued on materials to be used. Snooky is going to speak with John Gray about granite pieces John may want to donate. Garrett will return to our next meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Other Business:** Pam prepared Capital Improvement figures for 2010-2013 as requested.

Cultural and Historical Resource Chapter of Master Plan – Funds were not requested in the Planning Board budget for a facilitator. The plan is for the Town Planner to provide this service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

Submitted by,

Valerie Ward, secretary