

Wakefield Heritage Commission

July 15, 2009

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Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Members Present

Pam Judge, John Waitner, Nancy Hall (alternate sitting in for Connie Twombly), Kelly Shea (alternate sitting in for Nancy Bancroft), Snooky Shea

Members Absent

Connie Twombly, Nancy Bancroft, Joe Brejwo, Barry Bishop

Guests

Phil Twombly

Minutes

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Financials

We received \$39.20 from Dragonflies Consignment Shop for the items that were donated to WHC.

Purchases were authorized for grass seed, flag and staff, and stain.

Correspondence

None at this time.

Grange Hall Water

Tuesday morning Forest Pump met with Pam, John and Don Silcocks (an abutter who has authorized use of the well) at the Grange. To supply water to the Grange on a seasonal basis they said they could dig up the well head and add a pitless fitting below frost line and connect with a temporary hose. This can be paddle locked. The quote from Forest Pump was \$1405.00 which did not include any excavating. Don Silcocks wanted to see if this was something he could have done for less money. If he can a proposal should be put in writing.

Website

Eric has uploaded to a sub site until it is approved. It shows the photos of the plaques and a description. The railroad station is distorted and there is a blank black background. A map would be helpful. Pam needs to work on the history. We can work on this more after Heritage Day (August 8th).

Heritage Day

Publicity for Heritage Day - last week in the "Wakefield Happenings" Pam submitted an overview. This week will be the rail car and next week will be Spinney Meeting House. A write up is on the PEG channel and it is on the Wakefield website. Flyers need to be made – the Historical Society has flyers and they are promoting our events so we will promote their events. Phil brought a brochure from the Alton Railroad Station being refurbished.

Pam has started a newsletter called 'The Telegraph' she addressed it to the 'Union Station Crew'. We need to ask for donations – thoughts of each financial donation to have a name such as conductor, engineer, etc.

Schedule – August 8, 2009

8:00-10:00 Historical Society is putting on a pancake breakfast

10:00-4:00 Open Houses at the Townhouse and Churchill School House

11:00-12:00 Music at the Spinney House w/Lance MacLean and Seth Austin

Box/bag lunches and/or hotdogs will be available at Spinney Meeting House and the railroad station

1:00-3:00 Historical Society Building Open

1:00 Peter Brown to do a walking tour of the village

4:00 Peter Lamb to do a power point presentation on accessory buildings

6:00 Ham and bean dinner (reservations only)

7:15 Music w/Lance MacLean and Seth Austin

Heritage Park – We adjourned to the outside to discuss future landscaping/parking plans.

Railcar

Phil Twombly and Bill Judge just finished today spreading sand and gravel at the railroad station getting ready for the railcar. Phil went to Tilton yesterday w/Terry a lot of hardware needs to be removed before the big move. Crowell's crew went up and removed the wheels. They are making a dolly to tow the railcar down the road. It could be done by the end of next week. The railcar is 39' long 10'10" wide and 13' 6" high. Phil and Terry will go back to Tilton this Saturday to remove more hardware. Bill Judge may join them.

When the railcar gets moved the WHC members will be notified and the newspaper needs to be notified.

WHC is very appreciative for all the hard work of Terry and Phil getting the spikes all pounded in and doing so much volunteer work....Thank You!

The town brought two loads of sand and one load of crushed stone to the railroad yard to prepare for the railcar.

Terry and his wife Patricia are going to cover the cost to get the railcar relocated to Wakefield.

The insurance has been estimated to cost between \$350.00 and \$500.00 per year.

Everyone was in agreement that WHC should spend \$250.00 toward the insurance.

A platform may need to be built so everyone can get into the railcar.

Phil spoke about the signal post – he took all the hardware off and took it to Dave Towle's. Phil has gone to General Signals Inc from Indiana and received quotes on the lens that that need to be replaced. For 2 red lens, 2 yellow lens, 2 green lens and six gaskets he was quoted \$198.68 plus shipping. He needs to double check the size to make

sure they are 6-3/8". Phil is willing to make the purchase and get reimbursed. Pam will check with her nephew to see if he has any contacts first.

RR Program, Exhibits

The railroad station will be open 10:00-4:00 on Heritage Day and will have Snooky showing the telegraph, there will also be old photos on display, a question and answer session w/railroad folks, Beth MacRury will be here with her two books and the railcar will be on display.

Spinney Meeting House

Town has graded and provided gravel and loam. Relf Fogg has removed all brush (including poison ivy), moved rocks and boulders and created a beautiful stone wall. He also helped spread the gravel and loam.

Pam suggested that we plant lily's that will spread to make sure people do not drive on the lawn.

Saturday, July 25th at 9:00AM WHC will meet at Spinney to clean and then we will go to the Union Station to clean that too.

Snooky will see if there is any granite available to make new steps at Spinney Meeting House.

Lunch

There will be box/bag lunches for sale and hot dogs as well.

Nancy B. is going to prepare sandwiches w/chips, drink and a dessert. Condiments should be on the side. Kelly will check on getting hot dogs and Valerie will ask a local deli for donations. A grill needs to be brought to the Union Station for Heritage Day. Lunches should be \$5.00. Everything else can be a-la-cart \$1.00 for each item and 50c for chips.

Master Plan

Pam and John reported on the planning board meeting regarding the master plan. She suggested that members should try to attend the meetings.

Local Scenic By-Way Committee

Pam reported on her discussion with Dean Eastman, DOT Senior Planner, regarding Scenic Byway designation. We should consider a corridor management study and forming a local Scenic Byway Committee. Robin Frost, Pam Judge, John Waitner and Kathy Menisci are willing to join this committee.

Canal

The town administrator contacted the DOT about the bridge posting. A meeting between Acton, ME and Wakefield, NH needs to take place.

9:00 John made the motion to adjourn.

Submitted by;

Valerie Ward, secretary