

Wakefield Heritage Commission

May 19, 2010

Members Present: Pam Judge (Chairperson), John Waitner (Vice-Chairperson), Phil Twombly, Joe Brejwo, Nancy Hall (Alternate sitting in for Snooky Shea), Kelly Shea (Alternate sitting in for Selectman Peter Kasprzyk) Valerie Ward (Alternate)

Members Not Present: Snooky Shea, Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative), Barry Bishop (Alternate)

Guests: David Tibbetts, Rod Cools

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Financials: As of April 30th there is \$15,963.87 in Fund 4, this includes \$2,000.00 that belongs to the Eagle Scout Project.

At Pride Day \$202.00 was earned at the booth, \$518.00 (gross) at the breakfast but the expenses have not been received yet, \$225.00 was made on the raffle tickets sold.

Phil has submitted two bills, one for Longmeadow Hardware for \$19.99 to purchase primer. The other is Middleton Building Supply for \$36.56 to purchase materials for handicap ramp.

Joe makes a motion to approve these bills. John seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Cable Advisory Board has invited WHC to a meeting for May 18th (last night) to ascertain cable needs as they are renewing their contract with Time Warner Cable. Received too late but there will be other meetings in June.

We received an invitation to NH Achievement Awards with Preservation Alliance in Concord for May 18th (yesterday). This also was received too late.

We received information from the National Alliance regarding the restoration of old windows how to go green.

NH Charitable Foundation annual meeting is June 15th.

Received renewal on railcar insurance it is due July 22nd. We chose to pay for insurance last year; we will need to talk about what we will do this year.

Minutes: April 28th minutes were reviewed. Phil makes a motion to accept the minutes of April 28th minutes as written. John seconds the motion. Motion passed.

May 5th minutes were reviewed. Phil makes a motion to accept the minutes of May 5th as amended. Joe seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Pride Day: For not having a new plaque this year, the booth did very well making \$202.00. The bills are not ready yet. The raffle tickets sold very well. There are five restaurants that donated a \$25.00 gift certificate but only four want to be mentioned in any advertising. Raffle tickets were passed out to each. Everyone took ten to sell. Pam

hand wrote a form for town finance officer to keep track of all funds. The first prize is two garage passes at NASCAR (worth \$1200.00). The second prize is the dine-around and the third prize is \$100.00 cash. Our goal for the raffle tickets will be \$2500.00. The drawing is August 14, 2010.

Eagle Scout Project: The ground breaking ceremony will be this Saturday, May 22nd at 9:00 AM. The WHC is invited to be there.

The dedication will be July 31st.

The final hearing on the easement has happened with the Selectmen and they voted in the affirmative.

Spinney Meeting House: Spinney Meeting House tour went well. They had 2 people from the Union church to play music and sing. A small group of people came but some that came have never been there before.

There are things that need to be done inside the SMH the plaster repair, painting of walls and trim, the pews, and the floor. The Friends of Spinney appropriated \$500.00 toward the painting of the interior. Pam will get three bids for painting the walls and trim.

Next year maybe a CLG grant will help us get the pews and floor done. Last year only part of the front got painted.

Grange: Six people came in that have never been there before. Phil did a good job cleaning the place up and having items on display.

After reading the deed and speaking to the abutters it seems the trees are right on the line. Dave will get out his metal detector and see if he can find iron pipes that may be in the ground. Phil will go through some old minutes of the Grange and see if the planting of the trees may be in the minutes.

The rental of the Grange to Barbara Schnurbush was discussed. Nancy made a motion to purpose a fee of \$100.00 per month rental to Barbara and she pay for the utilities. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Phil will contact Todd Nason regarding the furnace.

Union Station: The sheetrock has all been primed. The paint color was decided. Phil will purchase paint tomorrow. Phil will start on the handicap ramp. A light for the bathroom needs to be purchased

Pam spoke with Lyman Holmes from the VFW regarding a flag. He called this week and has a flag for Heritage Park. A light on the flag will be looked into.

Phil and John met with the Cotton Valley Rail Club on Sunday, May 16th. They would like to come on Heritage Day and ride the rails. Phil has been investigating acquiring the discarded rails near Turntable Park.

Craig Farley did look at the Freight House. Pam will give a report on this at the next meeting.

Union School: Marshall Fox has written a letter to the Town of Wakefield asking if the town would consider accepting the Union School property. As of June 30th it will go back to the family. This Friday at 2:00 the code enforcement officer will be going through the building with Pam. Anyone that wants to join is welcomed.

Reunion Grange: The building across from the Union Congregational Church was a school at one time. For many years it was used as the Grange. Now the church owns the building and the new minister, Reverend Babson has asked Pam's help in providing information to help in the restoration and use of the building as a resource for the church and community.

WHC/BHC/Bloomers Program: WHC will not conduct their regular meeting on June 16th as we will be doing a joint meeting with Brookfield Heritage Commission and the Brookfield Bloomers. Jim Fonti from Strawberry Banks will be doing a presentation on native and heirloom plants at 7:00 at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Wakefield Inn: Janel Martin did not attend the meeting as scheduled. Pam indicated she would like to remove the railings on the front of the building and we would have to have a public hearing. Joe initiated discussion regarding the necessity for a hearing. This was discussed further later in the meeting.

Powers and Duties of the WHC: There is confusion among some of the members of what the powers and duties of the Heritage Commission actually are. A list of questions will be compiled and submitted to the Town Attorney, Rick Sager for his direction.

Union Dam: Because of Union residents and others request at the last meeting, Pam has prepared a statement which reads; "The Wakefield Heritage Commission agrees that the Union dams are important historical resources as reported in the project area form – Union Village and will support appropriate endeavors to protect them." Discussion ensued.

Phil made a motion to accept the statement and include in minutes and send to Newspaper, Ruth Hall, the Selectmen and the Planning Board. John seconds motion. Motion passed.

Emergency Meetings: A statement has been prepared and read aloud by Joe. It states; "Statement for Emergency Meetings – It is recognized by the Heritage Commission that when dealing with older homes within the Historic District, estimates for maintenance repairs or structural corrections that are reported to and approved by the Heritage Commission may not always be accurate once detailed inspection or actual work begins. Despite good faith estimates by the homeowner, if these estimates become large or more complex than originally planned and approved, the Heritage Commission will make every effort, to include calling a special meeting if necessary, to assist the homeowner in avoiding delays that could result in exposure damage to the home or additional contractor expense due to schedule slippage." Phil made a motion to accept Statement for Emergency Meetings to be adopted and put in the minutes.

Other: Joe makes a motion to approve the purchase of two gallons of topcoat for the railroad station. John seconds the motion. Motion passed

Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 9:40. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Ward, Secretary