

Wakefield Heritage Commission

April 21, 2010

Members Present: Pam Judge, Chairperson, John Waitner, Vice-Chairperson, Peter Kasprzyk, Selectmen Representative, Joe Brejwo, Phil Twombly, Snooky Shea, Kelly Shea (alternate), and Valerie Ward (alternate)

Members Not Present: Nancy Hall (alternate), Barry Bishop (alternate)

Guests: Dave Tibbetts

Meeting was called to order at 7:04.

Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence: NEMA newsletter, AHSNH membership is due

Financials: No update

Minutes: Minutes of April 7, 2010 were reviewed. It was noted that the presentation of gifts to Connie Twombly and Nancy Bancroft were omitted. Phil made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the addition. John seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Brookfield Heritage Commission: The Brookfield Heritage Commission and the Brookfield Bloomers have invited the Wakefield Heritage Commission to join them to host a presentation on historic gardens in June. The speaker will come from Strawberry Bank and his fee is \$300.00. If we participate we will give a donation of \$100.00. Joe makes a motion to take \$100.00 out of fund 4 to support the Brookfield Heritage Commission and Brookfield Bloomers joint event. A vote was called and passed.

Bill and Pam Judge: Pam turned the meeting over to John. Pam told the commission how there are posts on her back porch that have rot. The Judges would like to replace them with like material and paint them like the ones they will replace. Peter made a motion to accept the project as to repair back porch for maintenance purposes for the Judge's house in the Historic District without the need for a public hearing. Phil seconds the motion. Motion passed. John turned the meeting back over to Pam.

Pride Day: The Heritage Commission will host the pancake breakfast at the Pub. Items will be sold at a booth on the street. There are no new plaques this year. We may have new ones for Heritage Day in August. The Spinney Meeting House will be open at two for a musical presentation. The First Congregational Church will be opened from 2:00-4:00 and other buildings in the Historical District will be open for the public. Phil will be at the Grange to answer any questions the public may have. There is work that needs to be done at the Spinney Meeting House and a fund raiser is needed. This will be done

jointly with Friends of the Spinney Meeting House and WHC. We will sell tickets from Pride Day to Heritage Day in August. We will try to get the prizes donated.

Wakefield Heritage Commission Responsibilities: We discussed the responsibilities of the Heritage Commission and many of the departments may not be aware of our role. Pam handed out the responsibilities as a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Commission. Discussion ensued and Pam will be having a discussion with the selectmen.

Eagle Scout Project: The deed of the land being used for the park may not have a clear title. Mr. Jette is going to go through some old papers and hopefully he will find a deed that has not yet been recorded.

Union Freight House: Three bids have been received to replace two sills of the Freight House. They range from \$12,000.00 - \$30,000.00. Nothing has been decided yet.

Union Train Station: It has been determined by Dave from Pioneer Mechanical that the boiler must be replaced. It was estimated at \$2500.00 if he can replace in kind. Dave will look around for other options. Discussion ensued about the walls in the station. It was agreed to use sheetrock in some areas with the potential of covering it with paneling in the future. The floor of the stationmasters office has an underlayment that needs to be scraped and painted.

John made a motion to adjourn at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Ward, Secretary