

Wakefield Heritage Commission

April 7, 2010

Members Present: Pam Judge, John Waitner, Joe Brejwo, Phil Twombly, Nancy Hall (alternate), Kelly Shea (alternate), Selectman Peter Kasprzyk, and Valerie Ward (alternate)

Guests: Juls Twombly, Nancy Bancroft, Connie Twombly

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: March minutes were reviewed. John Waitner makes a motion to accept minutes of March 3, 2010 as amended. Phil seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Financials: No update from finance office. Treasure's Warrant was signed.

Correspondence: A letter of recognition from the Board of Selectmen to the WHC was read aloud. There was a letter from the NH Historical Preservation asking for signatures on a petition and also asking for a donation so they can continue to restore America's treasures. Joe makes a motion we contribute a \$25.00 donation to this cause. John seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: After discussion Joe makes a motion for Pam and John to continue serving in their current positions as chairperson and vice chairperson. Phil seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Presentation: To thank Connie Twombly and Nancy Bancroft for all their years of service and dedication they were given a small gift and card from the commission. They have both offered to volunteer in the future. Pam spoke about the things that were accomplished with them on the commission. They were both very grateful.

Union Station: The roof of the freight house has been damaged from a storm. It has been covered temporarily a couple different times. The adjuster has come out but did not go in the freight house nor did he climb up to the roof to examine the damage. No report has been received yet. An estimate has been done for the footings and sills on the freight house. No decisions to be made yet. If the quotes are over \$5,000.00 the job needs to go out for bid in a newspaper. Peter suggested writing a letter to the NH North Coast asking for a donation. Nancy B. mentioned Profile Bank has funds for local needs. In two weeks we will come back and be ready to make decisions.

The station's handicap bathroom is all in. The six gallon point of use water heater is hooked up. All the plumbing and heating is complete. While checking the freight house it was discovered that the original interior doors were stored in there along with all the

jams. Phil has been preparing these for installation. The five cabinets found downstairs have been finished and are ready to be set into the station master's office. The lighting needs to be picked out. Peter mentioned that he brought a representative from PSNH around to six different town owned buildings. This rep was trying to find ways the town can save money on electricity. The fixtures they recommend may even be 50% paid for by PSNH. They also have a program for construction.

The signal still needs to be installed in time for Heritage Day in August.

The exhibits may need a subcommittee. It will take a lot of planning. It was mentioned that a security system may need to be installed.

Pam will call Terry to see if he will be working on the freight car soon.

Heritage Day: Heritage Day is the same day as Brookfield's Old Home Day. We may want to do the dedication to the Jette Memorial Park on the same day.

Eagle Scout Project: There will be a dance on April 16th. There is a need for six chaperones and only four are committed at this time. We need to provide snacks and drinks.

Coffee cans are needed to collect donations for the project. Valerie will take care of these.

Heritage Commission should have their own brick. Joe made a motion WHC donates a brick to the Jette Memorial Park. John seconds motion. Motion passed.

Deed – Pam has met with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen months ago. After speaking with the Town Attorney and the Town Administrator she discovered there needs to be a meeting with the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and a Public Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. WHC is not on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting tomorrow evening. Pam will call the Town Administrator in the morning.

Union Dam: The water is already half down. The owners can not get a permit until the arm corps of engineers have reported on the situation. They also need an architectural historian to do a report. The dam is part of the CLG that is completed in the village of Union. To reclassify the dam would be almost impossible.

Pride Day: Sanborn House plaques will be ordered in hopes to receive them in time. John made a motion to move forward with the plaque for the Sanborn House. Phil seconds the motion. Motion passed. Pam will call Mrs. Rines. Pam will order plaques. The WHC will be planning the pancake breakfast at the pub again.

Website: Juls Twombly has been creating a write up on the town of Wakefield for the website. She will forward what she has to Pam.

Master Plan: The vote in March failed the warrant article to provide funds for the Historical and Cultural Chapter.

Grange: There are trees in between the Grange and Nancy Hall's property. The storm in February caused a large limb to come down on Nancy's car. Her car was totaled. Peter will go by and give his recommendation on what needs to be done with these trees.

John made a motion for meeting to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Ward, Secretary