

Wakefield Heritage Commission
August 22, 2005

Present: Elizabeth MacRury, Chairperson; Pam Judge, Peter Brown, Connie Twombly and Nancy Bancroft.

Guest: Paul Gosselin, Salmon Falls Architecture (arrived at 5:45 PM).

Call to Order: Beth called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Acceptance of Minutes 8/1/05: Pam Judge corrected the minutes of August 1 to read: "There may be more meetings regarding the future of the Grange."

Peter Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2005 as amended, seconded by Pam Judge. The motion passed unanimously.

Spinney Meeting House: Beth reported that some work has been done in an effort to keep the bats from entering the building. The building needs to be cleaned and more work will need to be done to prevent the bats from entering the building.

Cell Tower: Beth attended the informational meeting held on August 16, 2005 regarding the proposed cell tower near the Historic District. Beth reported that there was good discussion and the next meeting will be on November 17, 2005.

Heritage Commission: The balance in the Heritage Commission's account is \$231,889.08 as of June 5, 2005.

Paul Gosselin: Paul Gosselin met with the Commission regarding ideas and design for the Heritage Museum.

Paul feels that approximately 1500 square feet will be affordable and that the Heritage Commission should consider a basement depending on soil conditions. Currently the construction costs are between \$170 and \$200 per square foot. At that price it would cost approximately \$400,000 for 2000 square feet. Paul envisioned a large open room with bathrooms at one end. The design would be a replica of a railroad depot. The Museum needs lots of wall space. Paul suggested a building 60' long and 22' wide with wrap around windows and a center display. Pam will check with David Towle to see if he has any dimensions or plans available regarding railroad depots. The Commission discussed having space available to rent. Paul would be available to start working on the design this fall. It would be 2-3 months before any plans would be available. Paul will put together an hourly design contract/agreement for the Heritage Commission. He expects the total cost of his services to be approximately \$5,000. One quarter of the cost would be due at the beginning of the project.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Heritage Commission will be on August 29, 2005 at 5:00 PM. The members of the Grange will meet with the Commission.

Adjournment: Peter Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Bancroft. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne N. Dolbear
Secretary