

Wakefield, New Hampshire

Heritage Commission

July 5, 2017, 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Pam Wiggin, Chairperson

Phil Twombly, Connie Twombly Selectmans Rep, Annette Perry, Tracy Kolb, Snookey Shea,
Rick Poore, Nancy Hall

1. Pledge:

The meeting was opened at 7PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Minutes:

A motion was made by Connie to approve the minutes of June 7th, seconded by Annette. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Annette to approve the Non-Public minutes of May 3rd, seconded by Connie. Motion carried. The Non-Public minutes will be sealed and placed in the vault at Town Hall.

3. Financials:

No Financials for the end of June were ready for this meeting.

The Train Station took in \$97.00 in donations on July 1st and 2nd.

4. Bids:

The bids for the Water Tower, Blacksmith shop roof and chimney/forge were discussed. If Target New England was awarded all three bids, they would reduce the total cost by 5%. The total amount that will be awarded is \$81,486.25.

A motion was made by Nancy to accept the reduced bid of \$81,486.25, Annette seconded. Motion carried. Work will begin the last week in June, 2017, to erect the water tower.

Bids were opened to repair and paint the wood gutters on the Train station. Target New England submitted a bid for \$11,670.

Crowell's Painting & Drywall, of 130 Hanson Road, Wakefield NH, submitted a bid for \$4750.00 to paint the Grange Hall on the outside and in the foyer.

Crowell's Painting & Drywall, of 130 Hanson Road, Wakefield NH, submitted a bid for \$5995.00 to paint the East Wakefield School on the outside.

Target New England, PO Box 136, Alton Bay NH, 03810, submitted a bid of \$11,670.00 to repair or replace and paint the wood gutters at the Train Station in Union. The contractor stated if he got the bid, he would deduct \$5000.00 from the initial bid.

Concerning the bid for the gutters at the train station, no decision was made, but the consensus was to contact the contractor to hold the bid for 45 days. Rick will contact the contractor.

A motion was made by Annette and seconded by Connie to accept the bid of \$4750.00 to paint the Grange Hall. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Nancy to accept the bid of \$5995.00 to paint the East Wakefield School. Motion Carried.

5. Hay Scale subcommittee:

Pam or Nancy will write a letter to the NH DOT, District 3, with a request for all the modifications or updates that we want to make to the Hay Scales, including a fence, and ask for a site review.

The Heritage Commission would like to erect a directional sign on the granite post that is beside the Hay Scale. We need permission from NH DOT to put the sign up. We have documentation to prove the directional sign was on the granite post a few years ago. Also the two signs at the beginning of the Historic District need to be replaced. Rick volunteered to make the directional signs.

6. Historic District/ village report:

There is a meeting at the Wakefield Library on July 11 at 2pm to discuss the sidewalks in Wakefield village.

7. East Wakefield School:

Lance McLain looked at the 2 pianos and the organ at the school. The two pianos will be scrapped and the organ will be repaired. Forty five (45) of the chairs will be removed and taken to the Wakefield Town Hall to replace some of the chairs there. The rest of the chairs will remain at the school.

On July 10th at 7pm, Pam and any other Heritage members will meet with local citizens and prior students that attended school there.

Pam received this e-mail from Kelly Collins, Town Administrator:

"I received the written quote from Matt Hale of Hale's Landscaping who has the contract with the Town.

Spinney Meeting House would be \$300 for a clean-up, mow and trim and then \$60/cut after the initial clean up.

Former East Wakefield School would be \$700 for the clean-up, mow and haul away debris, and then \$55/cut after the initial clean up.

If you are interested in having this done through Hale's, I can arrange for that and for Heritage to be separately invoiced."

Connie suggested Cory Howe give a quote, and Phil will ask Cory Pike to give a quote.

8. Signage:

No discussion.

9. Grant:

Mae Williams, the consultant to complete the NH Division of Historical Resources Area Form for the Village of Sanbornville is continuing.

10. Opening June 24, 2017:

The buntings were put up on the snow plow, caboose, station, and freight house. Two new plaques were dedicated.

11. Spinney Meeting House:

Rick will repaint all the pews, and do a lot of repairs to the front area. Pam has found two glass plates of the interior, which will help in the restoration. Pam has two Victorian chairs to donate, and Phil will do the restoration and upholstery on the chairs.

12. Grange, rest room:

Stan Dodier has been hired to do the electrical work that is required for the composting toilet. Stan will assist Phil with the vent pipe that goes out the side of the Grange building. Stan will also do some electrical repairs in the meeting hall on the second floor.

Craig Evens has been working on setting up the Loom to demonstrate on Saturday, July 15th at 10am.

13. Railroad Station, Freight House and Heritage Park:

Connie has agreed to take over the task of getting Internet installed in the Freight House. The freight crew has been requested to come to the WHC before any purchases are done for the freight house.

14. WHC Secretary:

Pam will ask Larisa to advertise on the web for a secretary. Pam needs more help to organize the WHC office and the internet.

15. Caboose:

Gerome Libby has donated his time and material to build the steps for the caboose. But the steps will not pass the building inspectors requirements. New steps need to be built.

Annette suggested that signs be created and placed on the caboose and snowplow that states, "CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT".

The chimney is still leaking water. Asphalt sealer needs to be put around the chimney on the roof.

16. Donations:

Ed DeForest, of Union, has donated three old rocking chairs that need some repairs done to the seats. The seats need to be replaced with new reed. He also donated three old US Flags and a full barrel. A long discussion continued about using the barrel and rocking chairs with a large checker board game.

Polly Green of Cotton Mt. donated two portraits. One of President George Washington, and the other is his wife Martha Washington. These paintings are on glass and are displayed at the Grange Hall.

Steve Twiford of North Carolina, contacted Pam to see if the WHC would be interested in a collection of receipts that he obtained at an auction. The receipts are from Luther P. Wiggin, an ancestor of Pam. The following is a portion the e-mail sent to Pam:

"I like that the Heritage Commission is promoting the history of sawmills. I like that I have connected with you, a family member of the subject of the collection, and that you are interested in preserving local history. And I realize the effort, devotion, and contribution that volunteers of historical groups give to their communities and researchers. For these reasons, I would like to donate this collection to the Town of Wakefield's Heritage Commission, however with two stipulations:

1. The collection is to be kept intact, and shall not be sold.
2. It shall be referred to as the **Steven M. Twiford Collection.**"

Mr. Twiford is interested in the area's water powered sawmills, and intends to visit Wakefield in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Philip Twombly