



Wakefield Heritage Commission

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FINAL

Heritage Commission Minutes

July 7, 2021

Members		Alternates		Others	
Pam Wiggin	X	Nancy Britton	X		
Rick Poore	X	Nancy Bancroft			
Phil Twombly	X	Tracey Kolb			
Connie Twombly	X	Jeanne Loughan			
Carroll (Snooky) Shea		Craig Farley			
Nancy Hall	X				
Mark Duffy					

Meeting Called to order at: 7:00pm

By: Pam Wiggin

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. FINANCIALS

- Fund 1: Reviewed, no questions arose. Balance of \$8,854.73
- Fund 4: Reviewed, no questions arose. Pam spoke to Michelle at Town Hall, not all pledge money for the Cobbler is in the ledger yet. Should see an update in the balance in next month's meeting.

3. MINUTES (June 2, 2021)

- Reviewed June 2, 2021 minutes, Connie motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by Rick, all in favor.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nancy Britton is filling in as a member for Snooky tonight.



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5. FUNDRAISER

- a. Pam received \$1,000 donation since the last meeting. Jeanne suggested having an event at TTP (maybe music event) to bring in funds. Preservation Alliance shows that personal letters to individuals usually bring in more money than general mailing. May look at doing both, fundraising team will meet to discuss.

6. COBBLER SHOP – RICK

- a. Restoration-Chimney is done, returned pipe staging, mason parged the chimney, will continue work next week. Rick is looking for windows, once received will need to find staging to replace and then everything left, they can do from the ground. Mary Lou, Chairman of the Brookfield Heritage Commission found that there were multiple Wentworth's to be a cobbler in the Cobbler Shop. They tanned the leather for the thorough braces for the stagecoaches. Building was built post and beam, hand hewn. The shop was moved from the 4 corners to where we took the shop in Brookfield from the family. Our Wakefield Heritage Commission website has been updated under Projects with where the project is at and progress photos.

7. PLOWCAR – PHIL

- a. Has been cleaned and ready to go for opening day. The roof at this time does not have any updates, haven't heard back from New England Roofing. The deposit has been paid to them, should be starting shortly. Pam will follow up to see when the roof will be started. Phil got a new handrail for easier access for people to enter the Plowcar.

8. OPENINGS

- a. Today and Saturday locations are opening for visitors. Pam thanked everyone for their hard work in cleaning the locations. Grange currently has a chirping noise coming from the front entrance, Rick will check to see if it is a smoke detector that needs to be changed.

9. UNION STATION

- a. Cleaned and ready for opening on Saturday, Phil and Rick will be there Saturday and Phil will be there Sunday this weekend. Phil put the flowers out and will put up bunting. The sign will go out this weekend on Rt16 for the Saturday opening. Pam will ask Elaine if she can volunteer some time to help at the Union Station on Saturdays.



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10. TURNTABLE PARK LEASE

- a. Pam sent an email to Nadine at the Historical Resources in Concord on lease, cc'd Mark and Dino from the town to see where the lease stands.

11. RAIL CAR

- a. Pam received a message from Corey Fothergill that the MBTA wants to get rid of a box car and caboose and asked if we would be interested. Caboose could be a good addition to Turntable Park if we get the lease. Phil said we should hold off until they can get a mail or passenger car instead. Everyone agreed to hold off and not take the caboose or box car.

12. EW SCHOOL

- a. Downed trees, Opening-Trees have been cut up and haul off site. Pam spoke to Mark on cost and if the town could pay for the cost since it was an act of nature. Mark is talking to Brock about the cost. Mark is also looking into the pavement issue with the large drop off into the EWS to get it fixed.

13. SPINNEY MEETING HOUSE RENTAL

- a. Bob Brett from Old Bulk Head Rd asked to rent the Spinney Meeting House every week for a non-denominational bible study. The town currently charges \$200 per event. Instead of paying to rent the building Pam suggested that they could take over the mowing and cleaning of the building that we currently are doing instead of paying a rental fee since there will be no cost to the town. Bob Breton agreed to do so for the months he would be using the building. There is no electrical, plumbing, heat, or A/C at the building so the bible studies will occur during the day on the months that it won't be too hot or cold. If we agree, the Selectmen will then review and decide if they also agree. Rick motioned to accept the consideration of the bible study using the building once a week. Nancy B 2nd the motion, all in favor.

14. CANAL BRIDGE

- a. Construction starts tomorrow and will take a few weeks. Connie is worried about the bridge construction and how it could possibly damage the Canal. She noted in the Selectmen minutes that if any damage is to occur to the Canal that it will be the responsibility of the Heritage Commission to fix. Pam is worried about the length of the bridge. The company that was hired to do the construction agreed to make the bridge longer in hopes of more support. They are not repairing the old bridge, only putting a new



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piece over the old bridge. With the drilling, it could affect the Canal. There have already been trees cut down in the area of the site in preparation of the project. Rick is concerned with the qualifications of the company doing the work. The project was not put out to bid. Acton attorney did review the contract and asked for changes to the contract. The company warrants their work for 3 years.

15. BLACKSMITH SHOP

- a. Fence-Phil & Pam- Dave Perkins has made great progress welding the fence and build the table for the blower. We should be able to do forging soon. Pam asked selectmen if they can help with expenses. They are not sure at this time, more to come. Phil has not been able to get ahold of the powder coating company. May look at using an epoxy and sand blasting instead since it will be easier to find a company that does sand blasting and we can do the epoxy.

16. GRANGE

- a. Display Case-Rick and Pam went to an antique store that was closing and found an oak 5ft tall display with glass shelves that could be used as a display case at the Grange for \$350. Everyone agreed that it was a good purchase and would like to have the cost reimbursed to Rick and Pam to use the case at the Grange. Cost will be added to a warrant for reimbursement. Connie motioned to reimburse Rick and Pam for the display case. Nancy B 2nd motion, all in favor. Nancy B asked if Pam could take one of her Saturdays at the Grange in July, Pam agreed. Nancy B will be putting out balloons at the Grange when open to attract more visitors. One Wednesday in August there will be roughly 18-20 people that will be coming to view the Grange. The dollhouse will be set up in the Grange for now to be displayed. May then look at raffling it off for a fundraising event.

17. OTHER

- a. August 24-25 there is a 2-day National Alliance of Preservation Commissions educational courses that will be held online if anyone is interested Pam will send out the email. There are funds in the training budget if anyone is interested in attending.
- b. The company that installed the new security systems will be coming back to set up the security codes.
- c. Freight House-Phil said instead of adding the post underneath the Freight House that Snooky said we could instead put a lally column under on a



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granite pad. Rick mentioned that it was a better idea and him and Phil can take care of installing.

- d. 9/10 Model T group is coming to view some of the Freight House and Railroad Station.
- e. 11/27 Tour De Chooch from 9am-4pm

Connie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nancy B 2nd motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm.