

Wakefield, New Hampshire

Heritage Commission

August 2, 2017, 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Pam Wiggin, Chairperson

Phil Twombly, Connie Twombly Selectmans Rep, Annette Perry, Helen Watkins, Rick Poore, Nancy Hall

1. Pledge:

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

Moment of Silence: Pam asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Dr. Bozuwa, who was a Doctor in Wakefield for 60 years.

2. Minutes:

Nancy asked that a word be changed on the second page. A motion was made by Connie to approve the minutes of July 5th, as amended. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

3. Financials:

For the month of July, donations and sale of merchandise totaled \$673.00. The current balance in Fund 4 is \$203,000.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Heritage Day July 30th:

We had a very successful day. We made \$361.00 from donations and merchandise sales. The Garden Railway Society set up their model train for display. New Hampshire North Coast brought down two engines, thank you Cory, a fancy caboose and a hopper car for guest to look at. The Union Village group did the food concession.

6. Target NH Update:

The contract has been signed and workers have started work on the Blacksmith Shop and the Water Tower.

7. Hay Scale subcommittee:

Nancy wrote a letter to Mr. Alan Hanscom, NH DOT District 3, 2 Sawmill Road, Gilford, NH 03249.

The letter reads:

“Dear Mr. Hanscom:

The Wakefield Heritage Commission needs your guidance on two upcoming community projects we have planned.

The first of these simply involves replacing the three existing signs that mark the entrance to the Wakefield Historic District. These signs were originally permitted in the 1990's, are in poor condition now, and need to be replaced. Todd Nason suggested that we review this with you.

Our second project is more complicated. It involves the installation of granite post to form a kind of fencing around an historic scale that was used in the 19th century to weigh hay, a significant commodity at that time in a farming community like Wakefield. This Hay Scale is located in our Historic District (which is both a Local and National District) on a small triangular island surrounded on all sides by state roads. The island is eroding more every year from traffic, snow plows, and weather. We feel the need to act now to preserve what is left, and we obviously need to work with you to accomplish this.

Please let us know if you need additional information and/or would like to meet with us on site.

Thank you for your help. We look forward to hearing from you.”

8. Historic District/ village report:

A grant might be available for the side walk in Wakefield Village. Peter brown will present the side walk project at the Selectman's meeting on Aug 9, at 7pm. The side walk will go from Hayes Real Estate to the Little Red School, and have a granite curb with stone dust for the walkway.

9. East Wakefield School:

The School subcommittee is putting together a list of people that attended the school that are still living. The next meeting will be on Aug. 3, 2017. A school reunion is scheduled for the spring of 2018. The subcommittee is still looking for school desk and chairs.

10. Grant:

Mae Williams, the consultant to complete the NH Division of Historical Resources Area Form for the Village of Sanbornville is continuing. The final version is due this month.

11. Spinney Meeting House:

Rick has put in a new floor and building new pews. The painting will continue after Rick is finished. Pam will contact Leigh Nichols, Public Works Director, to look at the possibility of putting a culvert in that goes to the parking lot. LaRoche Lawncare has put together a proposal for the School house and Spinney Meeting House. Nothing will be done at the School House this fall. Clean up will be in the spring of 2018. Phil made a motion to hire LaRoche Lawncare to cut the grass at Spinney meeting House for \$45.00 per cut through this Fall. The motion passed.

12. Grange, rest room:

Phil will contact Stan Dodier to see when he can finish the work in the restroom and up in the meeting hall. Craig Evens will be doing another demonstration using the loom on Aug 16, at 10am. The paint contractors have started scraping and painting the Grange Hall.

13. Railroad Station, Freight House and Heritage Park:

The Internet has been set up in the Freight House at a cost of \$50.44 per month. The Freight House crew has asked the Heritage Commission to pay for a cork board for inside the Freight House. Pam will contact Rich and tell them to go thru the proper channel when requesting anything. The Heritage Commission only pays for maintenance on the building, like light bulbs.

14. 2018 budget:

The total budget for 2018 is \$13,159.00. The budget is \$825.00 less than 2017.

15. Donations:

Beverly Grant donated a picture of the Bancroft barn. Pam sent a thank you note. Nancy Bancroft is donating a desk and chair that was in the Dow Academy.

16. Snow Plow:

No more work will be done until after Sept. 16th. Rick will assist Phil with the construction. Phil will start painting the caboose ASAP. Phil will paint the v-plow first. Pam will call Terry to ask him if it was OK to paint the Snow Plow red instead of brown. Pam made a motion to repair the Snow Plow using the money from the Misc. Expense line. Seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

17. Caboose steps:

Phil suggested we hire a contractor to build new steps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Philip Twombly