

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2012

Present: Marilou MacLean, Harriet Wilson, Dave Proctor, Clifton Camp

Marilou called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Dave moved to approve the minutes of the February 8 meeting; Marilou seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of 3 - 0, with Clifton abstaining.

Marilou suggested requesting bids on the repair to the floor of the Churchill School, as we will not be able to hold group functions there until the repair is done. Clifton suggested several local contractors who should be asked to submit bids; there are specifications in the Historic Structures Report which can be used to create an RFP. Clifton also suggested contacting Middleton Building Supply for a possible donation of materials, and made suggestions for repairs in the attic to correct the "bowing" of the walls.

Harriet reported that Dick Peckham has agreed to be the Conservation Commission representative to the Brookfield/Wakefield TRAC group, and that Ernie Brown would like to serve as a citizen rep. She will next work on getting representatives from Wakefield and will ensure that the railcar and snowmobile clubs are represented. The schedule for the Wolfeboro group meetings is now available.

Marilou has identified another person to help with the antiques appraisals on Old Home Day and will get the contact information to Dave to set it up. The Brookfield/Wakefield Historical Society may wish to participate in the event with us.

There has not yet been a response to Marilou's inquiry to the state about mill site training. The Wakefield Heritage Commission is sponsoring a Mill Site tour in Wakefield on April 28 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required (see wakefieldheritage@yahoo.com).

Marilou distributed copies of an article in the December, 2011, issue of Naval History entitled "Requiem for James Hackett". Colonel Hackett was a

member of Roger's Rangers and a skilled shipbuilder who built many ships for the Continental and early United States Navy. He is buried in a currently unmarked grave off Cottle Hill Road in Brookfield. On Sunday, April 29, there will be a ceremony to place his gravestone, followed by a reception at the Town House. Marilou will e-mail refreshment assignments to Commission members. (The Hackett family is connected to the Hackett School House, now a private home located just before the Prior/Belknap Farm on Lyford Road.)

Harriet reported that Kate Kinville, a Brookfield resident and home school parent, is very interested in doing a project on the slab of maple in the Town House. She has referred to the maple sugaring and logging industries, and connecting growth records on the tree with both Brookfield and national history. Harriet will ask her to call Marilou, who wants to meet with her and hopefully get an historical presentation for Old Home Day in August. The tree was removed from the Town Cemetery last year. Judy Brenner has done several sketches, and there are photographs as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be May 9, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson