

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 11 July 2012

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Dave Proctor; Clifton Camp, Selectman; Patricia Golden, alternate; Susan Raban, alternate; Rich Zacher, Selectman.

Marilou called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Patricia moved to approve the minutes of June 20; Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The site survey workshops/visits by the State have been scheduled for Saturday, September 22. Sites scheduled are the Hackett barn on Norm Royle's property; the Pike Mill Dam on the Wilson's property; and the mill on the Raban's property. Patricia displayed a map created by her daughter Gina, and identified other possible sites on Garney Road among others. Gina can also produce a map of mill sites. There will be a DVD made of the training which can be used when identifying and surveying the other sites in Town. Lunch arrangements for September 22 will be made at the September meeting.

Marilou reported that the Hart Family Fund, which provided the grant for the survey of the Town House, is very pleased with the resulting report and with the plans to correct the items mentioned in the report. They have asked to be kept updated on the project. Eddie Nason has looked under the School House and feels the problem is not as bad as previously thought. He has given an estimate for the work, which will be put out to bid in the fall. There should be no problem putting a table for the Old Home Day dinner in the School House if necessary.

The Selectmen have requested that the Heritage Commission organize a charette on possible uses for the School House. This would mean hiring a consultant to facilitate a community meeting on the topic. Marilou will get recommendations from the State for a suitable person. This will all be done after Old Home Day.

Old Home Day will be on August 11. The antiques appraisal will be from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm, with two to three appraisers. People will be invited to bring up to 3 items and the charge will be \$5 each or 3 for \$12.00. Each person will be given a ticket when they enter, and the appraisers will see them in order. We will ask the appraisers to sit on the stage. Appraisals will be verbal, not written. Refreshments will be available. Marilou also intends to prepare some displays.

The Historical Society will be having a pancake breakfast that morning from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Patricia is on the clean-up committee for that breakfast; the chairs for those waiting for appraisals will be set up after that. The Conservation Commission will be holding two guided hikes after the breakfast and would like to be part of the publicity. We will do dinner set-up from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (tables and chairs for 100 people), and serve from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Serving will be in the Schoolhouse as last year. Rick Surette has again agreed to prepare the meats - beef and chicken this year. The "Clearly Related String Band" will provide the entertainment and will be paid from the proceeds of the dinner. Ernie is providing a Brookfield sweatshirt for a raffle - those proceeds will go to TRAC.

The following contributions were decided:

Cornbread: Harriet - 2; Susan - 6; Art Wheeler - 1; Patricia - 1; Dave - 1

Baked Beans: Art Wheeler; Marilou; Dave

Blueberry Cake: Harriet - 2; Patricia - 1; Nancy Jacobson - 2; Marilou - 4

We will wait to check on donations before assigning coleslaw.

Harriet will provide 8 more mason jars, plus the decorative marbles, and folks will bring flowers for the tables.

Dave reported that one of the appraisers he contacted has a program whereby she will appraise & then purchase gold and silver items, and then donate the proceeds to the organization setting up the appraisal. This will be kept in mind for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be August 8, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson