

## HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Dave Proctor; Patricia Golden, alternate; Susan Raban, alternate. Clifton Camp, Selectman, arrived at 8:00 pm

Marilou called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Dave moved to approve the minutes of April 11; Harriet seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Patricia and Susan abstaining. Patricia moved to approve the minutes of May 9; Susan seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4 - 0, with Dave abstaining.

Since the March 2012 meeting did not have a quorum, election of officers were held. Harriet nominated Marilou as chair of the Commission for the next year; Patricia seconded the nomination and it passed by a vote of 4 - 0 with Marilou abstaining. Marilou moved to extend Deb Manning's membership to 2016; Harriet seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5 - 0. Marilou nominated Deb as secretary of the Commission, on temporary leave, with Harriet filling the position until Deb returns. Patricia seconded the nomination and it passed by a vote of 5 - 0.

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.

The Brookfield Selectmen have requested input from the Heritage Commission on possible future projects to be done at the Town House and/or Churchill Schoolhouse. Marilou reported that there has been talk of separating the Churchill Schoolhouse from the Town House and making it a separate museum. Expenses involved in such a move, aside from the move itself, would include building a ramp for the Town House, adding bathrooms (at least one handicapped accessible) to the Town House, and separating the electrical and heating systems of the two buildings. It is believed that the exterior walls of both buildings are still intact. The Heritage Commission does not support such a move. Patricia suggested getting a civil engineer (preferably a Town resident) to evaluate both buildings and the join between them. Marilou also reported that there has been talk about using part of the Schoolhouse as office space as an adjunct to the Town

Office Building. The Heritage Commission does not support the suggestion, as it would eliminate the possibility of using the space as a museum and would result in additional expense in installing equipment and electrical/telephone service.

In response to the request from the Selectmen, the Commission recommends the repair of the floor of the Schoolhouse as the first major item to be tackled from the Historic Structures Report.

The State DOT is working on the hazardous waste site on Rte 16 near the Getty station. Ernie Brown has been in contact with them to ensure that when the tracks are replaced there is an accommodation for the rail-trail (TRAC). Harriet has been unable to reach Mary Heartquist, who was instrumental in getting the Wakefield Chamber of Commerce involved in TRAC at the outset, so she will be contacting them again to discuss the issue. The Chamber built the original trail from TurnTable Park to Rte 16, and may be amenable to repairing it.

Harriet reported that an early estimate of cost to build the trail from Rte 16 to Clark Road is around \$12,000. The Wolfeboro group will match any fundraising up to at least \$1000. The cost results from the need to purchase fill and have it delivered, to replace the two wooden culverts, and to remove the vegetation between the rails before installing the trail surface. Ernie Brown has volunteered the use of his tractor for some of this work. Patricia reported that Sheila Charles has recently been hired as the Cultural Resource Officer for DOT and may be able to help with this project; Patricia will find out how to get in touch with her.

Old Home Day will be on August 11. The antiques appraisal will be from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm, with at least one appraiser (Dave has two more people to contact, and he will be available to help out as well). 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 appraiser(s) will see them in order. We will ask the appraisers to sit on the stage. Refreshments will be available. Marilou also intends to prepare some displays.

The Historic 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. 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. We will need more cornbread and beans, and fewer blueberry cakes than last year. Details of who brings what will be decided at the next meeting. Clifton reported that the occupancy for the Town House is 130; Marilou would like to restrict the seating to 100. Last year we served about 110.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be July 11, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson