

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, 1 November 2012

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

Marilou called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Dave moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2012; Harriet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marilou briefly discussed Old Home Day (see September 12 report). Dave suggested increasing publicity for the daytime activities next year.

Marilou suggested that each member of the Commission take a site mentioned in the Town History and gather information on it as described by the folks who did the site survey training.

The group discussed the draft questionnaire on the future of the Churchill Schoolhouse, and made adjustments to it. Ed Nason will ask voters to complete the questionnaire as they leave voting on November 6. We will also have it posted on the website, and have it available at the Town Clerk's office. The address for the Town Offices will be added to the bottom of the questionnaire, and folks will be asked to return it by November 30. Based on that response, we will schedule a "charette" for a Saturday morning for discussion. This will enable us to give the selectmen the feedback they want on the future of the building.

Harriet reported that the Brookfield/Wakefield TRAC folk had met with the State Bureau of Trails that afternoon, to clarify rail and tie removal and discuss types of geotexture cloth and gravel to put on the trail. The plan is to have a demonstration section completed this fall, with a sign at Rte 16 (and possibly Turntable Park) explaining the plans for the trail. Marilou presented a letter of support from the Heritage Commission for this project. This will be used as support for the grant currently being written - that money will be awarded over the winter and be available in the spring. We hope to do the portion from Turntable Park to Rte 16 and get a start on the portion from Rte 16 to Clark Road with that grant money. A match will be required; labor, materials, equipment, and money will be accepted for that match.

There will be a pot-luck Veteran's Day dinner at the Town House on Saturday, November 10, to benefit the Heritage Commission. Ernie Brown has donated a sweatshirt to be raffled off for TRAC; a copy of the Town History will also be raffled off, to benefit the Heritage Commission. Harriet is putting posters up in Wakefield, and Craig Evans will put an article in the paper. Commission members should get to the Town House at 4:00 pm for set-up.

Marilou feels there should be "Welcome to Brookfield, est 1794" signs at the town line on the roads passing through Brookfield. Those present, including Selectman Zacher, agreed.

There will be a Commission meeting on December 12 at 7:00 pm to discuss the results of the survey about the School House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson