

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 3 September 2013

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Brian Robischeau; and Rich Zacher, selectman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Marilou MacLean. Brian moved to accept the minutes of July 10; Marilou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

This meeting was devoted primarily to Old Home Day evaluation. The corn was an excellent addition to the meal. The young people who served in the Town House were a BIG help - Marilou will send them each a thank you with a gift for Dunkin' Donuts or somewhere similar. The Town will be requested to purchase trash barrels for recycling of plastic and aluminum. The water was very well received; Marilou was able to return several containers of ice tea and lemonade mix. We had too much corn bread and barely enough beans; next year we need to have a "cheater" supply of beans ready, just in case we need it. Next year we will go back to the bags of prepared coleslaw which we will mix with the dressing rather than chopping the carrots and cabbage. Rick Surette has suggested planning beef and pork for next year with a limited amount of chicken available for requests. It worked very well for Patricia to serve the desserts. Brian was an excellent help in the kitchen. He suggests that we have some tables and chairs outside next year, weather permitting. People will still be able to hear the music through the open windows.

Among the expenses for the dinner were \$200 for the beef; \$100 for the chicken; and \$200 for the band. We raised \$110 for TRAC through the raffle. The Heritage Commission has a current balance of \$1726, in its checking account.

Rick Surette and John & Lynn Shaffer go above and beyond expectations for working at this event, but they refuse to accept any but verbal thanks (which we offer enthusiastically).

We discussed having a more structured event at the Town House in the afternoon; this will be pursued for next year. Craig Evans will contact the Strafford County Genealogy Society for help in offering a workshop this fall. We will also pursue the interviews with residents who attended the Churchill School.

Rich asked if there was any historical significance to the safe by the old Town Clerk's office in the Town House, or if it could be sold. Marilou will do some research to try to find out when it was purchased. We think it has now been emptied.

There was some discussion of the work to be done on the School House this fall (with the 2012 budget money), as well as the next steps after the foundation and floor are

stabilized. Marilou plans to prepare a grant request to help with the refurbishment of the School House; she is hoping for between \$5000 and \$7500. She will also take pictures of the contents and interior of the School House before the work begins and the contents are moved. Contents will be stored in the Town House. We should probably have an expert in historic preservation/restoration look at both buildings; Marilou will contact a person in Boston.

We will sponsor a Veteran's Day pot luck dinner on November 9. Details will be worked out at the next meeting. (Last year's dinner was a success.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson