

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 6:55 pm. Also present were Harriet Wilson, Brian Robischeau, and Rich Zacher. Harriet moved to re-elect Marilou as chair; Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Brian moved to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2017, meeting; Marilou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marilou moved to accept the report of the non-meeting of September 13, 2017 (no quorum); Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marilou reported that she is resuming work on the history of the property recently purchased by the Town; she obtained ownership information this evening. The Wakefield Heritage Commission will pick up the last bookcase from the Churchill Schoolhouse when Pam Wiggin returns from Florida.

Marilou recommended asking Rick Poole (experienced in historical renovation/preservation) to walk around and through the Town House to give input on the priority and order of repairs. Harriet reminded the group that we had an inspection done in 2014 and asked if all those repairs had been completed. The changes to the handicapped ramp have not been done and she recommended that this be one of the first things to be tackled. We will review that report for other items.

Marilou has spoken with Carolyn Chase, author of our Town History, who confirmed that the book has not been copyrighted. She is agreeable to transferring the copyright to the Town. Harriet moved to contact Loginov & Assoc, PLLC, a firm in Concord which specializes in copyright law, to get the process going. The copyright needs to be registered before the book can be reprinted, and we are down to 20 copies (not including the damaged ones).

The Town website is being updated. The Heritage Commission page will include the historical articles which Marilou has written for the last several Town Reports.

Rich asked if a Commission of 3 members was legal. Following the meeting, Marilou reviewed the RSAs and learned that 3 is the minimum, so we are still legal. However, we do need new members. She has several people to approach about serving. We also discussed the need for the Commission to do things besides the two meals we put on each year. We will probably host a reception after the Veterans Memorial is dedicated at the new Town Cemetery; this is tentatively planned for the mid to late summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Harriet Wilson