

April 15, 2010

Lee Heritage Commission

Present: Pat Jenkins, Laurel Cox, Donna Eisenhard, Dick Wellington and Frank DeRocchi, selectmen's representative.

**Minutes** of February 18, 2010 were approved and accepted. There was no meeting in March.

**Fire Roads:** Frank reported that there are three fire roads off Route 125. The Fire Department and the Selectmen would like six names presented to them, with the history of the proposed names. From the six, they will select three appropriate names. After discussion, it was agreed that Frank would provide maps and Dick would check these out and together we will come up with names. Frank wondered where some of the recently named roads got their names. In most instances, it was Dick Wellington who looked up the area history and suggested the names. We would also like to have this information available, possibly in a pamphlet of some sort, at the library.

**Old Home Day:** Frank also suggested that they would like to start up an Old Home Day tradition again as we used to do here in Lee. Also noted that in 2016 Lee will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We discussed the possibilities of an Old Home Day and all agreed that it should be an event put on by all commissions and groups in town, not just one. Possibly it could be part of the Little River Fest.

**Artifacts:** It was also agreed that it would be nice to have some place to display photos and artifacts. As we know, the Historical Society is not frequently open, so we discussed other possible places to have these displays.

**Slombo/Edgerly/Glidden/Towle House:** The Lamprey River people are working on saving this house, which is for sale. They are striving to get it on the State Historic Registry. Steve Bedard, who does state barn assessments, is very interested in the house. It has been suggested that there be a Wadleigh's Falls Historic District. The selectmen are interested, but would like to know the impact this would have on neighbors. We have an article that Renata Dodge wrote in the mid-1970's about the history of this house. It will be e-mailed to members of the Commission. It would be a good idea to have a Preservation Easement on this house. The Heritage Commission would like to see the house before we commit to anything, but basically we are in favor of saving it.

**Hobo Shed:** Scott Kemp of Kempro Const., will get a cost for the materials to repair and re-clapboard the end (closest to the library) of the Hobo Shed where there are rotten shingles. Scott and Frank checked the building out this evening and agree that the whole end should be done rather than doing a small area, which would eventually lead to more problems. Scott's proposal will be brought to the board of Selectmen next Tuesday night. The week of April 26<sup>th</sup> the Community Service crew will be coming to scrape and paint. Donna spoke to Paul, who is in charge of this crew, to tell him we will provide lunches, tools, etc.

**Burleigh-DeMeritt House:** There is not much new here. We will e-mail Doug Bencks, asking him to pick some dates when he and others are available to attend a “viewing” of the Tell-Tale Heart” movie. We can make arrangements to show it at the Grange hall and Donna said she has a DVD machine.

**Cookbook:** We briefly discussed the redoing of the bicentennial cookbook. This is something we wish to do, but are still working on the logistics.

**Railroad Books:** 100 new copies are being printed.

**Mini-vault:** At Town Meeting in March, we got approval to purchase a mini-vault, which will hold old town records, etc. We wondered whether we could place the order prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, since it will take some time for the vault to arrive here. We aren’t sure how far it will have to be shipped.

Next meeting: May 20, 2010

Notes submitted by Laura Gund