

December 15, 2011

Lee Heritage Commission

Present: Preston Samuel, Laurel Cox, Dave Meeker, Pat Jenkins, Laura Gund

Lee History: Dave has an early map of Lee, from the 1600's which centered around the Lamprey River. We discussed this.

Harold Ward: Mel Jenkins, George Walker and Denis Hambucken recently interviewed Harold Ward, veteran of Pearl Harbor during World War II. They had an excellent time and hope to return for more interviews with Harold. Denis is working on the video.

New Town Administrator: Today we met the new Town Administrator, recently hired by the Selectmen, who arranged the opportunity for townspeople to get acquainted with her. We invited Julie Glover to our next meeting.

Farm History: Preston is working on farm history on Lee Hook Road. There is not much information from 1750 to the present day. Steve Taylor's article on sheep in New Hampshire might be of interest to him. Steve is the former State Agriculture Commissioner. Town records show numbers of cattle, horses, etc.

Plummer diaries: In a discussion about the diaries, Preston suggests that we may wish to scan the diaries at some point to make them available for study.

Indian History: Preston continues to search for Indian history in the area. Suggested he call Ann Jennison, who is a Story Teller, to see if she has information for him.

Signs: We need to start finalizing the sign project, and get something ready for the selectmen. Cartland Road might have a sign at each end (Barney easement papers have quite a bit of information).

Burley-DeMeritt Farm: UNH has 3 houses they are trying sell or move: Burley-DeMerrit, O'Kane House and The Kingman Farm. Janet Wall apparently has information on the Kingman Farm House in Madbury. Dick Lord may have information on the O'Kane House in Durham, which apparently has already been sold and will be moved to another location. Laurel will call someone on the Durham Historic Society to talk about the O'Kane Farm.

Demolition Ordinance: An article was written and given to Pat for finalizing and she gave it to the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board. They didn't see it until the night of their meeting. It was planned as an addendum to the current ordinance. We all attended the PB meeting and they had several questions for us and wanted the wording changed somewhat. Preston did that to suit their needs and returned the ordinance to all the members of the Planning Board. Haven't heard from them.

250th Anniversary: Talked about republishing the bicentennial cookbook. Clara Kustra remembers working on the original cookbook and would like to do it again. Gina Kemp and friends have expressed interest in making the covers. We might add a section on "new" and possibly healthier meals. Pat wrote the Board of Selectmen to see if they are appointing a committee.

LCHIP: Unfortunately, the application for Wadleigh Island Falls Farm was turned down by LCHIP. They preferred to spend their money on “job creation” applications. There will be no money for two years and then they will ask to be reinstated.

Inventories: We will hope to start up again on inventorying old town records, sometime after the New Year. We need to finish the inventorying and then work on cataloging.

Next meeting will be January 19, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund