

December 16, 2011

Lee Heritage Commission

Present were Laurel Cox, Preston Samuel, Pat Jenkins, Laura Gund

Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved with changes.

Glidden-Towle House: Bill Glidden contacted Pat who gave him a report on progress, which was provided by Laurel. She had received a list from Brian Fischer, present owner, listing all the things he's done to the house and grounds. There has been a lot of landscaping which is nicely apparent when driving by the house. Should the Heritage Comm. send a note of appreciation to the Fischer's for what they've done to save this old house? It will eventually be sold to someone who will appreciate it. Glidden also sent information about his family.

Millstones: Laurel spoke to Edna Feigner about getting together to talk about the millstones. State has been planning a meeting in Lee, but there has been no word as to a date or time yet.

Burleigh-DeMeritt Homestead: Apparently our "pushing" has had some effect. UNH has passed over to the Whidden Trust the money from the sale of the Alice Dudley house, which has been ongoing for several years. They returned 13% of the sale price to the trust, which was the amount used in purchasing the farm originally. We met with the Board of Selectmen as well as Doug Bencks and Jon Wraith from UNH. As a result we will be meeting with them soon and they gave us CD's of the architect's report, "The Monahan Report". We will ask Chris Boslovich to print off copies for us. Preston talked about Appleton Farms in Massachusetts, which was a renovated farm that has been turned into an organic gardening farm and can be seen on-line at Appleton Farms Grass Rides. Doug Bencks repeated to us that no one needs to live at the farm since Sandy Boyle is in the house at the end of the driveway. They need offices, not residences. Attorney Tanguay has written a draft letter (?) about Martha Butterfield's upcoming book from her mother's memoirs. The family does not want UNH keeping funds from any book sales. All proceeds have to go back into the house rehabilitation.

Hobo Shed: No word from Scott Kemp as yet with a proposal to do some work on the Hobo Shed. The money should come out of town building funds.

Barn Easements: we need to hear from Dave Miner as to when we can get together to look at a couple of barns.

Budget Committee: Pat presented our budget to the committee:

Sites and signs...\$900, Operating budget...\$300, Lee History...\$1500,

Wellington monument fund....\$900.

Signs: Still working on the list

Interviews: Myra Jennison has been interviewed, but we should talk to her again.

Bicentennial cookbook: We have talked about re-publishing this cookbook. Gina Kemp has a group of women who may be interested in helping with this project. We need to find binders.

Plummer Store building: There is a hearing tonight. Fred Schultz wishes to rent the building for his contracting business and has said he will repair it.

New members: Preston has agreed to become the latest member of the Heritage Commission. Thank you!

Village Store site: The Conservation Comm. has talked to the Board of Selectmen about the need for an appraisal for this property right next to the Town Hall. Hopefully other commissions will share in the cost, rather than the Conservation Comm. paying for the whole thing.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund