

June 16, 2011

Lee Heritage Commission

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

Minutes: approved as read.

Sanborn Mills Farm: a thank you note was sent to Colin Cabot for his hospitality during our recent visit to the farm.

Barns: Donna Eisenhard has said that she would help with the barn preservation program. Dave and Sharon Meeker's barn is "in the works."

Bannister Property (next to the Town Hall): A public hearing is coming up for discussion of the possible purchase of this property. The Conservation Commission is involved and may help by using some of their funds towards the purchase. The Town Center Committee should be very involved in this – if it still exists. Dave will attend the meeting and will speak for the Heritage Commission as being in favor of purchasing the property, with possible use as a kiosk site and a "pocket park".

Signs: Preston has a map of possible historic sign sites in various districts around town. The sign itself doesn't have room for much information. There should be maps available to show where the sites are located. Perhaps we could have a little sign underneath with the historic story, photo, etc. We discussed the Farm List and how to use it on-line. We should bring information about historic sites to our next meeting.

Vault & Hobo Shed: Selectmen have said they will fix the hole in the roof. What about tarring? Joel Miller is working on barn roofs at home and perhaps we should contact him about tarring the Hobo Shed. He may have information on what to use, etc. Regarding the vault, should it have a free-standing roof if it's moved outside. This would protect the doorway and help with snow. We discussed the various pros and cons of moving the vault outside.

Old Home Day: Same day as the Rec. Comm. is holding their Little River Fest, Sept. 24th. We discussed the tractor parade and the meal. Mel Jenkins can do a chicken roast.

Cookbook: On going

Lee History: On going

Samuel Hutchins: the first minister after the town was incorporated. His church was probably the original parish church at Garrity Road. His descendant, Dave Martin, recently came to visit and look up records of Mr. Hutchins.

Next meeting: July 21, 2011

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund