

Lee Heritage Commission Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2013

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Denis Hambucken, Patricia Jenkins (Chair), David Meeker, Preston Samuel

Ex Officio: David Cedarholm, Board of Selectmen

Visitors: Laurel Cox, Nadine Peterson, NH Division of Historical Resources, Phyllis White, Lee Historical Society, Phil Montagano

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on May 16, 2013, approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Burley-Demerritt House: Phil Montagano discussed his recent work in inspecting and cleaning out the house and his hope in developing support from UNH to create a stewardship plan for its future maintenance. He is to lead the Commission in a site walk on Wednesday, June 26.

Town Storage Vault: L. Gund reported on a conversation with local mason Bill Allen who is interested in building a vault for Town records in the Hobo Shed. After discussion of construction methods and the proper approach to Town officials, it was decided the P. Jenkins and L. Gund would discuss the matter with the Town Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible Historic District(s) in Lee: D. Cedarholm arranged a visit by Nadine Peterson in order to discuss possibilities for the establishment of some type of historic district in Lee. The meeting commenced with a tour of the historic buildings and locations on Lee Hill. Ms. Peterson stated that there are a number of programs available with abundant sources of assistance to guide the Town in establishing a program which would meet its needs and capabilities. One example discussed was a "Neighborhood Heritage District" which would recognize the historical significance of the Town Center while not restricting the owners of the various properties. She stressed complications involved in the process such as the identification of the district, traffic slowing, and safety of pedestrians who might be brought to the district by its creation. She suggested that the first step should be the listing of the historical buildings in the NH Register of Historic Buildings.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2013

Submitted by:

David Meeker