

## **Lee Heritage Commission Minutes of Meeting of July 18, 2013**

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** Laurel Cox, Bill Allen, Mason

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on June 20, 2013, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

**Lee Historic District:** L. Cox has obtained information on the NH Neighborhood Historic District program. This information is also available as a handbook on the website [www.nh.gov/nhdhr](http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr).

**Lee Grange:** In considering the future of this historic building L. Cox reported that the Town of Wakefield purchased their local grange for \$1 under the understanding that it would build a "Grange Museum". Although there is a question of the role of the NH Grange in any sale of the property, this may be a possibility for the Lee Grange Building. In the discussion it was noted that the Rollinsford Grange Building is now the property of the Garrison Players. D. Hambucken will investigate the history of the transfer of ownership of this property.

**Lee Heritage Trail:** P. Samuel and D. Hambucken presented a slide show describing the various components of the trail program that they have prepared for submission to the Select Board in the near future.

**Lee Semiquincentennial Celebration:** Planning meetings for the 2016 celebration are in progress. P. Jenkins reported on a conversation she had with Don Quigley. He is planning on creating a reenactment of oxen moving a mast tree through Lee's Federal Hill along the Mast Way. This plan was greeted with great enthusiasm and prompted a discussion of the book "Along the Mast Road".

**Lee Fair Tractor Parade:** The tractor parade is planned to follow the same procedures used last year. L. Gund is preparing the enrollment and identification materials.

**Bricker Property:** L. Cox notified the Commission of her collection of materials relating to the property. She also mentioned that there is a possibility of a visit to the home by the Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Burley-Demeritt House:** The Commission has learned that Mr. Montagano failed to obtain permission from UNH for his activity on the site and, accordingly, has been banned from the property. This has created problems for any cooperative activities at this time and that the Commission will have no further interaction with Mr. Montagano. P. Jenkins reported that Doug Bencks of UNH is proposing a meeting with the Commission in which his superiors can participate. In response, P. Jenkins will contact Mr. Bencks and attempt to schedule such a meeting. The Commission plans a strategic session prior to meeting with the UNH party. P. Samuel will write a summary of the value of the building to Lee's agricultural history.

**The Mills of Lee:** The editing of this work continues intercontinentally. Randy Stevens has contacted Phillips Andover Academy to request permission to include a copy of a painting of Wadleys Falls in their possession. Their response appeared to impose impossible conditions for the use of the print. D. Hambucken feels that the Academy's conditions are unrealistic and will contact Mr. Stevens to aid in acquiring the rights to include the copy of the painting in his work.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Hobo Shed:** After an inspection and discussion of the need for safe archival storage in the hobo shed, Bill Allen agreed to develop a plan for a masonry structure within the shed with a cement roof and two doors providing access to two separate rooms for storage of Town records and historical materials. D. Hambucken raised the question of maintaining the historical character of the shed. This prompted a discussion of the long-term possibilities for the shed as part of the Federal Hill neighborhood.

**Next Meeting: August 15, 2013**

**Submitted By:**