

Lee Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting of August 15, 2013

Present:

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

Ex Officio: David Cedarholm, Select Board

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on July 18, 2013, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

Lee Heritage Trail: P. Samuel and D. Hambucken will present an outline of the proposed heritage trail and its associated material to the Select Board on August 19. The next step will be the installation of the signs with the assistance of Randy Stevens. Mr. Stevens will be informed of the presentation to the Select Board so that he can participate.

Lee Fair: L. Gund reported that plans have developed for the tractor parade which will form along George Bennett Road, travel to and along Mast Road, and end and park along the road to the Transfer Station. There is a possibility that the Heritage Commission will be able to participate in the parade by riding in a tractor-towed hay wagon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Semiquincentennial Celebration: It was suggested that all members of the Commission should actively seek to identify younger citizens of Lee who would participate in planning and organizing the celebration. D. Meeker noted that the first mill at Wadleigh's Falls, built for Walter Barefoot and Robert Wadleigh starting in March of 1665, was sold to Robert Wadleigh on May 11, 1666. These events could be the focus of historical reenactments during the semiquincentennial year.

Vault in Hobo Shed: Bill Allen presented a quote for the masonry construction of a two room vault in the hobo shed. His limited initial quote of \$15,393.60 did not include electrical costs or the construction of the ceiling for the vault. In light of this estimate it was decided that the Town Administrator and Select Board should be advised of the situation and that other alternatives for the storage of the Town's current and historical archives should be sought.

The "Mills of Lee": The Commission has been advised that Randy Stevens is nearing completion of the manuscript. P. Jenkins and L. Gund will discuss the current situation with Mr. Stevens and report to the Commission.

Burleigh-Demeritt House: There was considerable discussion of the recent meeting with UNH, as summarized by D. Cedarholm's comprehensive report. During the discussion it was noted by P. Samuel that prior to any restoration activities it is necessary that there should be agreement among the various parties on the use of the building after its restoration. Toward this end a meeting with Jon Wraith, Dean of COLSA, is sought. It was decided that the Commission should prepare information on the house to display to the Town during the coming Lee Fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Historical Easement at Flag Hill Winery: It was noted that the annual monitoring visit to the site must be scheduled soon. L. Gund will seek to schedule the visit in September to which the Town Administrator will be invited.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2013

Submitted By _____

David Meeker