

Lee Heritage Commission Minutes of Meeting of October 16, 2014

Present:

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

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Select Board Representative to the Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

Burley-DeMeritt House: The visit by members of the Commission to the house earlier in the day was discussed. The condition of the house continues to deteriorate at an accelerating rate and is now reaching a critical stage. Various actions were considered. It was proposed that a definite record of the legal obligations incurred by UNH be compiled and discussed with UNH before being more widely publicized, should that be considered desirable. A work session toward that end is planned for October 23 at 6 pm.

Town Document Storage: P. Jenkins reported that Selectman Cedarholm has suggested that a room in the Safety Complex might be adapted for the storage of the Town's records. It was noted that there are several unresolved issues involved in such an action. After some discussion it was decided that a comprehensive plan for the storage of the Town's historical and administrative records should be considered by those formulating plans for the long range space needs of the Town.

Easement Monitoring: L. Gund presented a draft letter to be sent to the LCHIP administration relating the details of the Commission's visits to the Flag Hill Winery and the Randall Farm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Budget for FY 2015: P. Jenkins reported that she was informed that, given the current balance of its account, the Commission needs to provide the Town with an estimate of its financial needs in order to justify the amount currently requested. A list of expected publications and activities was prepared. It was noted that there are commercial agencies which compile and bind town records for their preservation. In order to assess the advisability and costs of such an action it will be necessary to contact an independent conservator. The costs of such an activity will be included in the budget explanation.

Heritage Commission Calendar for 2015: Various themes were discussed and D. Hambucken agreed to begin the project using existing historical photos.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2014

Submitted By _____
David Meeker