

# Lee Heritage Commission

## Minutes of Meeting of June 18, 2015

**Present:**

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

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

**Visitor:** Laurel Cox

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on May 21, 2015, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

**Historical Monitoring Visits:** L. Gund provided draft reports concerning the Commission's visits to the historical easements within its responsibility. There is concern about the extensive stand of Japanese knotweed around the **Burleigh-Demeritt** house. L. Cox will address this issue in a letter to be included in the annual report.

There have been no recent changes at **Flag Hill Winery** however there are still plans for rebuilding the front porch. The visit to **Randall Farm** did not find anything of concern in the past or proposed activities at the site. L. Gund's draft reports were approved without alteration.

**Town Center Committee:** S. Bugbee reported that the reconstituted committee will be charged at the Select Board meeting on Monday, June 22.

**Photographs for Aroma Joe's:** D. Hambrucken provided two photographs for display at the site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lee's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** P. Jenkins reported on a meeting with D. Quigley to discuss the planned "**Mast Tree Event**" during the anniversary year. A suitable tree of approximately 60 feet in height has been identified on Lee Church property and the Church has no opposition to its harvesting. The event is planned for February of 2016. S. Bugbee and L. Cox have agreed to develop publicity for the event. L. Gund suggested that the status of "**Along the Mast Road**" should be determined. D. Hambucken will seek to enquire about the possibility of printing additional copies. D. Hambucken reported that Matt Payson is interested in participating in some type of reenactment as part of the anniversary activities.

**Heritage Commission 2016 Calendar:** L. Gund noted that a theme for the 2016 calendar needs to be determined. Possible themes mentioned were: old houses, farm animals, draft animals, historical sites in Lee, monthly events of the anniversary year, old doorways of Lee, and events or houses associated with the various generations of Lee. D. Hambrucken offered to arrange a field trip to examine houses and doorways in Lee. L. Gund will try to find a monthly schedule of events during 2016. A theme will be chosen during the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Old Town Reports:** P. Jenkins presented a number of Town Reports dated 1868 to 1924. This initiated a discussion of the desirability of digitizing Town documents, old diaries, and other documents of historical value. It was suggested that there might be grant support available for such an activity.

**Town Records Committee:** Anne Jennison has agreed to serve as the Commission's representative to the Records Committee. The Records Committee has had two meetings and has developed a six page list of document types to be preserved. The Heritage Commission has been charged with the maintenance of the Town's archives. Unfortunately, "archives" has not been fully defined. The Records Committee will meet at the Safety Complex on the third Monday of each month at 10 A.M. It is likely the Commission will be charged with the responsibility of overseeing the destruction of the Town's documents which are not to be archived.

**Next Meeting: July 16, 2015**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
David Meeker