

Lee Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting of December 17, 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, Martha Butterfield

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on November 19, 2015, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

2016 Calendars: L. Gund reported that the calendars will be ready and available for distribution on Saturday, December 19.

Heritage Commission Facebook: A. Jennison reported that traffic on the site is increasing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Documents: After some discussion it was decided that LHC documents should be moved to the Safety Complex once tables are purchased and installed in the document room. A. Jennison will inform the Record Committee of this decision at its next meeting. She will also seek to obtain guidance and information from Sarah Cox concerning the preservation of the Town's documents. A motion to provide up to \$500 as recompense to Sarah for her assistance was passed unanimously.

Heritage Signs: The possibility of attaching QR-coded symbols to the signs at historical sites to facilitate connection to the information on the Commission's website was discussed. D. Hambucken will inquire concerning the availability of weather-resistant symbols suitable for that purpose.

250th Celebration: S. Bugbee reported on his negotiations with the Dearborn Company. He believes that the agreement is ready for ratification by the Select Board. L. Gund moved and D. Hambucken seconded the motion: "The Heritage Commission accepts the agreement with the Dearborn Company and asks the Select Board to ratify and/or accept the agreement to confirm the encampment activity." The motion was passed unanimously. L. Gund and P. Jenkins will inform the Select Board of the request at their next meeting. Other items relating to the celebration were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

"The Land in Our Hands": Martha Butterfield introduced the Commission to the book she and her mother have written and she has edited concerning the Burleigh-Demeritt Farm. She estimated that it will consist of some 500 pages and, in the absence of other alternatives, plans on self-publishing the book in time for Lee's 250th celebration. During the following discussion it was decided that L. Gund would discuss the various possibilities with the Commission's usual printer.

Harold Ward's Boston Cane and Historical Archives: Following the presentation of the cane the family provided the Commission with historical documents and mementoes of Harold's life in the U. S. Navy and in Lee. Arrangements must be made for the storage and preservation of this material.

Labels for Historical Photographs: Erick Sawtelle and others have expressed their concern for the number of historical photographs at various locations in the Town (e.g., Sunny's Restaurant, Aroma Joe's, the Town Hall) whose subject and/or location are not indicated with the photo. All agree that an effort must be made to provide such information before those capable of providing it are no longer available. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Lee History Week: A. Jennison suggested that the Commission might sponsor an annual historical event. After some discussion it was decided that this possibility was important and should be discussed in more detail at a later meeting.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2016

Submitted By _____

David Meeker