

Lee Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting of September 15, 2016

Present Members: Cord Blomquist, Laura Gund, Patricia Jenkins (Chair), Anne Jennison, Liz McCaffrey, David Meeker, Scott Bugbee, Member and Select Board Representative to the Commission

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on August 18, 2016, approved as corrected.

Updates and Announcements:

Attic of Annex: A program of exploration of the attic has been scheduled for 9 A.M. on Monday, September 19.

Town Records: All records not in a fireproof safe have been moved to the Safety Complex. There has been no information concerning the grant application sent to the Moose Plate Program.

Visit to Coop and Claridge House: It is suggested that the Commission's visit to these sites be scheduled for September 24 or 25. P. Jenkins will contact D. Hambucken and attempt to schedule the event.

Hobo Shed/Tramp Room: S. Bugbee reported that Randy Stevens has found information that the Town voted to construct a "tool shed" and later built bunks within a "tramp room" in the tool shed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Fair: The discussion of the recent Lee Fair included a general appreciation of the location of the Fair at Little River Park. The fireworks display was also discussed including the noise and expense involved and the possibility of a repeat show in 2017. It was also suggested that a flag pole should be erected somewhere near the pavilion. No formal decisions or recommendations were made.

250th Celebration Expenses: After some discussion of the funds the Commission has provided the Town's 250th Celebration Committee it was decided that no alteration, addition, or refund is required.

Silos at Flag Hill: Brian Ferguson has sent informal drawings of a new plan for siting the silos alongside the barn and in the current driveway. He feels that this proposal resolves all outstanding problems. It is expected that Flag Hill management will submit a formal request with detailed plans for the Commission's consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mast Tree: There has been no decision as to what should be done with the mast tree featured in the various events and parade during the celebration year. It has been suggested that it be trimmed and set as a flagpole. Another suggestion was that it be sawed into planks and used, for example, as benches at Little River Park and/or carved into "Ship's Boards" with 250th mementos for sale.

Commission Book Publications: S. Bugbee brought Henry Tuft's, "**Autobiography of a Criminal**" up for discussion. It was decided that it was too long for republication as was done with "Down The Mast Road". L. McCaffrey queried her portable knowledge base and found that it was last published in 1993. She and C. Blomquist will determine the current status of the book. S. Bugbee noted that "**The Land in Our Hands**" {LOH} has been offered in a hard copy version on E-Bay. This prompted a discussion of the value of the Commission following this example by offering other publications as hard copies on E-Bay or Amazon. It was decided that copies in hand of LOH would be sold only in Lee. S. Bugbee, L. McCaffrey, and C. Blomquist will explore other options for "**Down the Mast Road**" and report to the Commission.

2017 Heritage Calendar: A photo of the logging wheel is judged to be the prime candidate for the cover of the Commission's 2017 calendar. It was noted that Randy Stevens is developing a colorized photo of the Lee Railroad Station. C. Blomquist has created a website for the public's submission of historical photographs to the Commission for possible inclusion in the calendar. The overall theme for 2017 was discussed without a final decision.

Budget Request: A meeting before the Advisory Budget Committee is scheduled before the Commission's next regular meeting. It was decided that it would hold a special meeting at the time of the field trip to the Coop and Claridge House to decide upon the request for funds in the coming fiscal year.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker