

## **Lee Heritage Commission Minutes of Meeting of April 20, 2017**

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meetings held on February 16 & March 16, 2017, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

**Burley-DeMerritt House:** The Commission has been trying to arrange a meeting with the new Provost of UNH to discuss the responsibilities the university has assumed for the Burley-DeMerritt house when it accepted the donation of the farm. A letter summarizing the situation and a copy of the recent book detailing the history of the B-D house was sent to the Provost which, they maintain, did not arrive. Although a second letter and copy of the B-D book have been sent to the UNH Provost, there has yet been no response.

**Down the Mast Road:** A. Jennison will contact the Farm Museum concerning possible sale of the book.

**LCHIP Monitoring Support:** The LCHIP office has sent the Commission a check for \$800 in support of its historical monitoring activities.

**Town Newsletter:** An exploratory meeting to discuss a possible printed town newsletter is scheduled for April 26 at the Public Safety Complex.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Archives Project:** A. Jennison will contact Sarah Cox and inform her of the location of the archives and offer to assist her in the archival process.

**Facilities Committee:** There was a discussion of the status and activities of the Facilities Committee and future meetings of representatives of the committee with the Commission.

**Interviews and Transcripts:** The Commission is very pleased with the professional transcription of the Wally Dennis interview. L. Gund will work with the Dennis family to develop an edited version for archiving. L. McCaffrey paid the invoice for the transcription and will be reimbursed. She proposed:

**Motions:** *Moved that the Commission spend up to \$110 for the professional transcription of the Robert Keniston interview.* (Seconded by S. Bugbee and passed unanimously).

*Moved that the Commission spend up to \$150 for the professional transcription of the Harold Ward Interview.* (Seconded by S. Bugbee and passed unanimously)

There followed a discussion of subjects and procedures for future interviews and the storage of audio and video files from these and future interviews. It was decided that L. Gund will contact Dick Mills and, if possible, schedule a time for the next interview with him. A. Jennison noted that she has information about interviewing subjects and procedures for the care of the interview material which she will send members of the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LCHIP Grant Workshop:** The workshop is planned for May 4 and S. Bugbee noted that the morning session concerning Historic Resource Grants is to occur between 9 and 11 AM. L. Gund will contact Laurel Cox to enquire about her plans and then organize the participation of the Commission.

**Visit to Wright Museum in Wolfboro:** A “field trip” of the Commission is planned for May 13 with May 20 as a back-up.

**Visit to General Sullivan's House and Cemetery:** S. Bugbee will seek to arrange a visit in conjunction with the Historical Society.

**Historical Abenaki Settlements:** A. Jennison has contacted David Miller of Rochester who has gathered information on Abenaki settlements in the seacoast area and prepared a map showing their locations. He also has developed an organized presentation of his research. This information will be shared with the Historical Society with a suggestion that they consider sponsoring a lecture by Mr. Miller.

**Jennison Barn:** A. Jennison reported that she has applied for an easement on her barn and asked for advice concerning the presentation she will be making to the Select Board.

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2017**

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