

Lee Heritage Commission
Minutes of Meeting of
September 21, 2017

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

Visitor: Laurel Cox

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on August 17, 2017, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

Easement Walks: The Flag Hill and Randall Farm Historical Easements were visited. The draft report to LCIP prepared by L. Gund was discussed. S. Bugbee will provide photos of pertinent features for inclusion in the report.

250th Memorial and Flagpole: The flagpole and the stone with the memorial plaque have been installed.

OLD BUSINESS:

250th Mast Tree Lumber: Dave Abramson decided not to participate in building benches from boards sawn from the mast tree. L. Gund reported that several visitors to the Fair complained of a lack of informal sitting on the fair grounds. P. Jenkins stated that she would prefer one large bench and, if lumber supplies permit, other smaller, less ornate benches. Scott Kemp has offered to apply the “Kings Arrow” and Dave Miner has agreed to engrave a version of the 250th logo on the benches. S. Bugbee will ask Kevin Shenefiel to propose a design for a bench which, in the words of D. Hambucken, is elegant, simple, of graceful proportions, and sturdy. L. Cox suggested and it was agreed that at least one board from the mast tree should be reserved for inclusion in the proposed new Town Hall.

Document Preservation: A. Jennison summarized the report from the Northeast Documentation Conservation Center (NEDCC). She suggested that the collection should be better defined with a mission statement and a descriptive name. D. Hambucken suggested that a mission statement and collection policy be discussed and developed at the next meeting of the Commission. L. Gund noted that moving the collection to the Safety Complex is a crucial component in the preservation program. There was a short discussion of the different needs and roles of the Heritage Commission and that of the Town Clerk. A. Jennison moved and L. Gund seconded:

A discussion of archival preservation be considered a permanent agenda item for the Commission.
The motion passed unanimously.

Banners from 250th Celebration: S. Bugbee reported on the condition of the banners and other signage remaining from the celebration. It was agreed that Amy Daskal, designer of the banners, is to be given one of the banners. S. Bugbee will contact the 250th Committee and ask who might like to have one of the remaining banners. L. Gund will ask Amy Daskal for suggestions for the design of one or more new banners to be displayed on the existing brackets throughout coming summers.

Town Center Historical Documentation: L. Cox stated that she needs help preparing the documentation in preparation for a December proposal deadline. There was a discussion of who might be willing and able to assist in the project. It is hoped that the McCaffrey and Blomquist team, not being present, might be amenable to the task. The photographs for the proposal will be available when needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Request for FY 2019: The Commission has decided not to request additional funds for its support during the coming year.

Signage for the Thompson Mill Trail: There was a discussion of the trail and the problems noted by the Conservation Commission and others. It was decided to await the completion of a safe bridge approach by the Boy Scouts and a joint visit with representatives of the Conservation Commission to consider trail modifications or additions before discussing the appropriate signage.

Digitalization of Historical Documents: The digital preservation of significant historical documents, such as the Plumer and Towle diaries, was discussed. A. Jennison agreed to investigate the possibility for professional commercial assistance in such projects.

Historical Interviews: L. Gund suggested that the Commission should conduct an additional interview with Bob Keniston and an initial interview with Dickie Mills, possibly together. She will attempt to schedule a joint meeting with the two men. A. Jennison also recommended an early interview with Myra Jennison.

2018 Calendar: S. Bugbee presented copies of pictures which have been submitted for consideration. A decision on the choice of pictures will be made at the next meeting.

2005 Master Plan Review: The Select Board has requested the Heritage Commission review the status of and actions toward its goals as stated in the 2005-2015 Master Plan. P. Jenkins will draft a report which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2017

Submitted By _____
David Meeker