

Lee Heritage Commission Minutes of Meeting of February 15, 2018

Present: Pat Jenkins, Scott Bugbee, Anne Jennison, Laura Gund

Visitors: Laurel Cox and Debra Schanda

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2018 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Center Vision Committee: This committee is working on a brochure, explaining their proposals, with buying the church property a very important part of this effort. With voting coming up, they are trying to get the information out to people. It will be on Facebook and they are depending on word-of-mouth to let folks know what they are working on.

2018 Calendars: Of the 106 calendars that were printed, we have sold 40. We can reduce the price in March and hopefully sell a few more. Discussed the possibility of selling them at Town Meeting. We also talked about next year trying to get it to the printers sooner so they would be available prior to a couple of weeks before Christmas and the New Year.

Mast Tree bench: We have had one proposal to build the bench, using the plan previously sent to us. The proposal was for \$1800. We agreed that we would continue looking at alternatives.

Archives: Anne talked about the possibility of more formally partnering with the Historical Society to combine our archives. We should plan a discussion with the Historical Society about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Historic Town Center District: Debra Schanda, a Lee resident, came to our meeting tonight to discuss with us the pros and cons of a Historic Town Center. Pat explained that this has been discussed previously, but nothing has ever come of it. Now with the Town Hall and Tool Shed with Tramp Room on the State Historic Register, this might be a good time to start work on this project. Laurel has the book "Neighborhood Heritage District" prepared by a Preservation Consultant for the NH Division of Historical Resources in 2009, which would be helpful. We discussed how to go about this and how it might work, but the final answer is that there are just not enough folks on the Heritage Commission to do something of this scope. We talked about the possible size of such a district, homeowners would need to be contacted, and the bottom line is we would need new people. Debra Schanda would be willing to be on a committee.

Rochester Fair buildings: Laura brought up the fact that the Rochester Fair is having financial difficulties and was concerned about a couple of the old buildings on the fairgrounds. We will give Ruth Scruton, who is on the board of directors of the fair, the names and contact information for Preservation Alliance people, as well as State Historic Resources, hoping they might be able to give the fair board some direction.

Next meeting: March 15, 2018.

Submitted by _____
Laura Gund