

November 18, 2010

Lee Heritage Commission

Present: Pat Jenkins, Laurel Cox, Laura Gund, Preston Samuel. Visitor: Geoff Carlton

Minutes of October 21st approved as read.

Millstone at Wadleigh's Falls: A meeting is being organized for "all concerned" – Lee Historical Society, Lee Heritage Commission, State of New Hampshire, and Lamprey River Asso. We should have a site walk before winter.

Piper Diaries: Some Piper diaries were found in Myra Jennison's house when she moved out. These diaries are written from a woman's point of view and it will be helpful to have a chapter on women in Lee in our town history. Also available at the State Historical Society are Cartland women diaries.

Geoff Carlton: Told us that the rocks from the southernmost Cattle Crossing (south of Route 152) were in place in the playground at Little River Park. One of them should have an embedded plaque in it, explaining where the rocks came from. An 8" x 10" or 4" x 10" would be an appropriate size and would cost between \$150 and \$200. It would be an oval plaque with no sharp edges.

Cellar Hole: There was a general discussion of the Cellar Hole at Little River Park. Nothing is being done to it, per State Archeologist Edna Feighner. We did wonder if it would be appropriate to ask Edna if we could kill the tree, or do something else with it, since it is harming the Cellar Hole as it grows.

Little River Park: We questioned Geoff about the park and the need for field turf. Even though it is expensive (\$450-500,000) they feel it is worth it for ease of care, etc. The baseball field can be used for pick-up ballgames and is frequently so used. We also talked about inter-connecting paths throughout town. Talked about sidewalks from James Farm to Tuttle Road and the cost to maintain them.

Glidden-Towle House: Laurel will approach the owner, Stephanie Fischer, about placing a Preservation Easement on the property. It is already listed on the New Hampshire Register of Historical Places.

Burleigh-DeMeritt: At last we have another meeting with UNH. Doug Bencks, Campus Planner and Jon Wraith, COLSA, will attend the December 13th Board of Selectmen's meeting at the Safety Complex. Prior to that, we will get in touch with Helen Clark (UNH student who has been working on the history of the farm and house) and meet with her to find out if she has any new information.

Former Lee Village Store: Laurel requests a letter from the Heritage Commission to the Board of Selectmen, explaining the importance of the piece of property next to the Town Hall. The burned out shell of the former building is still standing. Having the property – without a house on it – would add to the character of the Town Hall.

Preservation Easements: Both Flag Hill Winery and Randall Farm easements have been monitored and reports sent to Concord.

Barn Easements: Dave Miner will try to make himself available in the near future to visit the Roger Palmer and Derek Swanson barns.

Budget: We discussed the budget since Pat is due to go before the Budget Committee soon.

Personal Histories: Possible folks to interview are: Faye Tuttle, Ben and Octavia Gooch and Mary Hill Kelly.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund