

September 16, 2010

Lee Heritage Commission

Present: Dick Wellington, Pat Jenkins, Laurel Cox, Laura Gund, and visitor Preston Samuel.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 18, 2010 meeting were accepted as read.

Hydrangeas: Preston cleaned out the hydrangeas on Demeritt Ave. The tenant in the nearby house is helping with upkeep. Preston had talked to the DOT (State Department of Transportation) about the right-of-way. He also had spoken to Randy Stevens, Lee Road Agent.

Mill Stone at Wadleigh's Falls: During low water, a mill stone was seen in the riverbank at Wadleigh's Falls recently. There has been much discussion about what to do with the mill stone, if anything. Bruce Dix, neighbor, had spoken to Peter Dodge (who owns the land next to the riverbank where the stone is located) about the stone and told him he could "save it". Peter Dodge suggested he could take it to Mr. Dix's house until he, Peter, could see it and decide what to do with it. Laurel will speak to Sharon Meeker, neighbor and member of the Lamprey River group.

Post Office in Glidden-Towle house: Laurel has been researching the history of this house, knows there was a post office in it at one time. She has been unable to determine when the post office was operating from the house.

Historical Information: The Drake Stage Coach line went through Wadleigh's Falls each day, going from Newmarket to Northwood.

Vault: The vault is installed (see photos) and we are waiting for the town Safety Committee to approve/disapprove the new door and the necessary electricity.

Hobo Shed: The roof still needs a coat of tar. Dick will go to a selectmen's meeting to ask about this, as well as the previous item (Safety Committee approval).

Donna Eisenhard: Unfortunately, Donna has resigned from the Heritage Commission. To the advantage of the Historical Society, she has become too involved with that to have time for the Heritage Comm. too.

Historical Signs: Dick has 30 signs made up by "Mr. Sign Man" which will designate various historical sites in town. They are in the shape of the town, black with gold. These were approved by the selectmen.

Cattle crossing stones: The Lee Recreational Committee has used stones that were originally part of one of the cattle crossings under Route 125, put in when the railroad went through. They have been used as part of the playground at Little River Park. We discussed putting a plaque on one of the stones, explaining where they came from.

Glidden-Towle House: Laurel submitted the application yesterday for consideration for the state historical registry. The property is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fisher of Firebird Farm on Route

155. Stones from the Raymond quarry are being used for extensive landscaping. New sills have been put in the house and much work is underway.

State Registry: We discussed other houses to go on the registry. Already listed are the Randall House and the Jeremiah Smith Grange bldg. Next on the list should be the Town Hall and the library.

Barn easements: We should visit Roger Palmer's barn in October for inclusion in the barn easement program. Dave Miner will let us know when he is available since he has expertise in barn buildings and it's helpful for him to join us. The owner of the barn at the corner of Route 155 and Old Route 4, Derek Swanson, may be interested in an easement.

Lee Fair: There were \$45 in sales on fair day. We discussed advertising in the Lee Fair Booklet next year to see if that would bring more people to the Town Hall side of the road.

Historic Information: Where did Tater Bug Corner (junction of Cartland Road, DeMeritt Ave., and Fox Garrison Road) get its name? According to Dick Wellington, the sand pit and the adjacent house lot had originally all been fields and potatoes were grown there. There had been a house in what is now the sandpit. At one time it was possible to see the old foundation.

Preservation easements: The monitoring of the Randall Farm and Flag Hill Winery will be done on Oct. 12th at 10 a.m.

Next meeting: October 21, 2010

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund