

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Thursday, Aug. 29, Tarbell Library

Present: Bob Rogers, Stephanie Roper, Lee Mayhew, Julie Zebuhr, and
Jessie Salisbury

Also Clayton Brown and Wally Holt

Jessie displayed a picture of Wallace and Cora Dole given to the Historical Society by the Wilton Historical Society.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of July 30 and Aug. 2 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Julie. Stephanie reported a balance in our account of \$958.05.
2. Plan for the common
The re-setting of the monuments and placement of the new stone from Citizens' Hall may have to wait until after Kent's vacation. The granite slab to be used for the Vietnam and later conflicts was originally a step at Citizens' Hall, removed for the placement of the ramp. It will lie horizontally between the two present markers. The bronze plaque will be made in Peterborough.
There was a short discussion concerning what names would be placed on the marker and the criteria to be used.

Wally said he had been thinking about the town common, a triangular piece owned by the town, and thought a picket fence around the area would look nice, set it off. It would "designate it nicely and keep out the dogs." He thought a three-foot fence.

Stephanie said Wally's first thought was to place it along the tracks, "but we are trying hard to make the whole area part of the common."

Asked about plowing show if it were along Putnam Hill Road, Wally said he would put it in concrete. Asked about parking for the church, he said he would leave it.

Stephanie mentioned the lack of knowledge as to where the town-Smith boundary is. She added the commission is hoping to get granite curbing for around the railroad station foundation.

Bob said he would “hesitate about a fence, it is such a small park.” There was concern that it would obstruct the view of passers-by.

Jessie questioned the “historical accuracy,” since there has never been a fence on the common.

Clayton said a fence would have be low enough to see over. Bob said it was a “great idea if we can make it work.” Lee suggested granite posts with chainage to coordinate with the library and said he liked the idea of delineating the area.

Clayton suggested Wally sketch his idea. Members are to look at other commons and yards with fences. The committee will meet on the common on Saturday morning, 9 a.m., to visualize the idea.

3. Signs

The sign for the common was proofread, approved, and sent to the maker, Ould Colony Artisans of Farmington, Maine, and should be delivered next week. The company also makes house signs. Jessie will look at costs to see if the Commission should again offer them. There have been inquiries. Someone would have to be named to check accuracy of dates.

4. Bricks for the Common

Stephanie has taken the 74 bricks to be engraved to the company in Concord. They should be done in about six weeks. The remaining bricks are stored at Walter Holland’s. Orders for bricks can be taken for placement in the spring.

5. Preservation of Railroad Station foundation

Jessie has spoken with Bud McEntee about methods for preserving the crumbling old bricks. He will be invited to the next meeting, Sept. 26, to talk about it. The bricks are deteriorating because of weather.

6. Old House Project

Jessie has completed a first draft of the east side of town, 43 houses, made photocopies and they are at the town office and library for people to record comments. Stephanie is completing her section, from the Village westward and is compiling pictures. Bob said he had been "remiss and would get back to it," North Lyndeborough. The last section, between the Center and North has not yet been assigned.

7. Community Day

Stephanie said three bricks were sold and about \$50 raised from sales. The historic tour went well. Leo Trudeau's bell ringing drew a lot of people and Jerry Reneau played the church's old pump organ.

8. Other

Jessie received an email from Kelley True, a granddaughter of William Jones who once owned the Village Store. She had seen her house in the House Project notebook and is offering old pictures for the final version. She also said she had other old pictures of the village that she would share. She will be invited to the next meeting. Helen vanHam will also be invited to represent the Historical Society which would accept any pictures offered.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Clayton said he would see about getting the date on the sign by Citizens' Hall changed from 1759 to the correct date of 1764, the year the town's charter was granted by the New Hampshire legislature.

A glass globe, believed to have been made at the Glass Factory has been given to the Historical Society by Beverley Shea. It has been in her family since its creation. The Society will have a case made and it will be displayed in the library.

Lee suggested that the town attorney should prepare the warrant article for combining the Heritage Commission and the Historic District Commission. He will look into it.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Clerk