

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

WORK SESSION ON OLD HOUSE PROJECT.

Thursday, May 22, 2014, 10 a.m., Citizens' Hall

Members present: Clayton Brown, Rob Rogers, Stephanie Roper, Jessie Salisbury

Those present determined which houses have not been done, which still needed to be photographed, who will do which houses, and what format to use. Jessie's and Stephanie's to be combined.

Houses not done are on Center, Crooked S, Mountain, and other roads in that area. It was noted that the Robinson (McNulty) house on Cemetery Road needed to be included.

Clayton agreed to assist Bob with picture taking.

The plan is have the initial work done by the end of the summer.

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 29, Lyndeborough Center grounds and hall

Present: Stephanie Roper, Julie Zebuhr, Jessie Salisbury, Lee Mayhew, Bob Rogers, Clayton Brown and Wally Holt

Also Scott Roper

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a walk around the area in front of the Town Hall and the flag pole ledge. It was noted that the grounds look very good, thanks to Greg Porter, who was mowing the grounds.

After viewing sight distance along Center Road and considering mowing and snow plowing, it was decided that the best place for a two-sided sign would be on the ledge itself near the time capsule box. A clump of undesirable saplings will have to be removed for the end of the ledge.

Wally said he would see about drilling holes into the ledge to secure the two posts. The sign will be two-sided, much like the one in the village, with the town seal.

Wording on one side will read:

Meetinghouses

The first meetinghouse around this location, a sizably two-story structure, was constructed between 1767 and 1772, to serve both town and church functions. After the Congregational Church was erected in 1837, the town dismantled that large hall and replaced it with the current town hall in 1845. The building was enlarged in 1883, 1890, and around 1913, adding a stage and raising the roof for an upstairs dining hall. This building was the home of Pinnacle Grange #18 for almost a century, and annual town meetings were held here until the 1960s. The Town Hall became part of the Historic Register in 1984.

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Wording on the other side will read:

Lyndeborough Center

The Village of Lyndeborough Center originated in the 1760s, after Wilton broke from Lyndeborough, to serve as a centralized, accessible location for townspeople. For a hundred years the Center thrived, with a store and post office, a doctor's office, blacksmith, shoemaker, and one-room school. With Pinnacle Grange meeting in the Town Hall, Lyndeborough Center became a social center of this farming community before the population center shifted to South Lyndeborough with the coming of the railroad in 1873.

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MEMORIAL MAPLES

It was agreed that a small sign concerning the three maples along the driveway should be placed on the Town Hall near the handicapped access ramp. The wording on this sign will be:

Bicentennial Trees

These three maple trees were planted in 1976 in honor of the three New Hampshire signers of the Declaration of Independence: Josiah Bartlett,

William Whipple and Matthew Thornton. They were the gift of the Lyndeborough Improvement Society.

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MESSAGE BOARD

Lee wondered if a moveable temporary A-frame sign such as the one used by the library would be enough.

Stephanie wondered if such a sign would be stolen.

The question was asked as to who would maintain it.

A permanent sign would be placed toward the eastern edge of the leach field, away from the historic area.

The question was continued until the other signs have been installed.

HOUSE SIGNS

It was agreed that No. 6 of those suggested by Ould Colony Artisans would be used with the town seal at the top.

It was further agreed that any house on the 1905 list would be eligible and others constructed around 1905 are also okay.

Jessie will contact Ould Colony.

WORK SESSION REPORT

Stephanie suggested, and the others agreed, that all of the old house information completed by Community Day (Aug. 9) be available for residents to look at, make comments, tell stories, and make corrections.

The Heritage Commission and Historic District Commission will have a table at the event.

COMBINING THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Lee said it would be easiest to simply combine the membership of the two commissions rather than try to abolish one of them. "We could get people who are really interested."

He said the process to abolish is complicated and a vote by the town to abolish the Historic District Commission might not include a vote to add its functions to the Heritage Commission.

Scott said, full members on one board could possibly serve as alternates on the other.

It was decided to "continue the subject for further thought."

VILLAGE COMMON

It was noted that the picket fence had been moved from the railroad station foundation. The question of preserving the bricks will be taken up at a later meeting.

The committee will continue to clear brush from the eastern end between the tracks and Putnam Hill Road. An information kiosk in that area was discussed, one similar to that in Wilton by their police station but smaller. The area is owned by Rob and Daize Smith who have given permission to do the work. It is, however, in the railroad right-of-way.

FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m. at the library. It is hoped to have all old house information complete by that time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary