

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, Tarbell Library

Present: Stephanie Roper, Julie Zebuhr, Jessie Salisbury, and Clayton Brown

Also: Kim Fregeau and Joe Broyles, Jeff Stone and Spencer Brookes of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Significant Tree Group.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Kim was introduced and welcomed as a new resident very interested in history and a long time member of the Amherst Historical Society. She expressed an interest in joining the commission

The minutes of Jan. 30, 2014, were approved.

The members of the Significant Tree Group were introduced. Spencer Brookes outlined the history of the group, which began last summer following the removal of the big oak tree in front of the former Nelson Funeral Home on Maple St. in Wilton. He said the cutting of the tree was an opportunity for people to get together and talk about significant trees – those planted as memorials, big trees, those that are important to families and neighborhoods for various reasons. They are setting up a data base and preparing forms for people to nominate trees.

Joe Broyles read a draft of the proposed Statement of Purpose: to educate the public on the importance of trees in many areas: history, culture, environment, aesthetics, and to encourage people to preserve such trees.

The Commission agreed that trees are a very important part of local history and the village landscape.

Stephanie moved, Julie seconded, that when the wording of the Purpose is finalized, the Commission embrace it and include it with the forms for the building inspector and with intent-to-cut forms. They will include us in their continuing investigations.

Julie mentioned a number of “legacy trees” on her property.

We have a bank balance of \$601.86, allowing us to move forward with this year’s signs and markers.

SIGN FOR THE CENTER MEMORIAL MAPLES

Stephanie presented proposed wording for a small sign to be placed on the Town Hall near the handicapped ramp. The selectmen have approved the location.

MARKER FOR THE CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

Stephanie had three drafts of possible wording. Should the sign be two sided and free-standing in the area of the flagpole? If so, should it be general, all-inclusive, or specific? She will add the former Congregational Church Parsonage to the wording.

Clayt suggested one sign on the side of the building since it would be safer from plows and lawnmowers.

The Commission members will consider the various proposals and visit the area when the snow is gone and make decisions then.

HOUSE SIGNS

Members looked at a selection of sizes and styles from Ould Colony Artisans of Farmington, Maine, and agreed to look in to the idea. Stephanie will include the idea in an upcoming Lyndeborough Views to see if there is interest.

OTHER

Jessie and Stephanie will meet with Lucy Schmidt to look at old pictures for a new display at Citizens' Hall.

Work at the Stephenson House was mentioned. Wally Holt is undertaking the restoration. Clayt noted that the house, which dates to the mid-1800s, had fires in 1909, 1933, 1940 and 2012. The barn burned twice. We are relieved that it is being restored.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27.

Jessie Salisbury, Secretary