

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015, TARBELL LIBRARY

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Clayton Brown, Walter Holt, Stephanie Roper, Julie Zebuhr, Susan Patterson

The meeting officially opened at 7 p.m. On display were two recent gifts to the Historical Society: a small sweet oil bottle packaged by J.A. Tarbell, and Lafayette Artillery Ball programs from 1902 and 1908.

Two Intent-to-cut forms were reviewed: Robert Wilkins lot on School House Road, and Tom Chrisenton.

Stephanie reported an account balance of \$601.86.

Wally said he had drilled the holes in the ledge for the Center marker but could not put up the sign because one of the posts is warped. Stephanie will buy and paint another. The sign will be installed before Memorial Day. Clayton said he has repaired the Pound Gate and will return it in the spring.

Jessie is collecting another display of kitchen gadgets and small tools for display at the Town Office before Town Meeting. The current collection has been well received.

The Conservation Commission will hold a hearing on Feb. 12 to discuss the purchase by the town of an easement on 95 acres of former Woodmont Orchard property at Perham Corner. It was agreed that the hillside should be kept open and undeveloped.

The Significant Trees of Wilton and Lyndeborough Group is looking into ways to upgrade the Curtiss Dogwood Reservation, save the young trees along the edges, and provide better access, perhaps from Carnival Hill. The Commission agreed this is a good idea.

The recent tragic death in Purgatory Falls was mentioned. Most of the foundations of the former picnic area were destroyed years ago by loggers

building roads through them. Preventing such destruction of existing foundations and cellar holes is a priority.

This year's historic marker will be for The Glass Factory. Rick McQuade has agreed to allow the sign on his property at the corner of Rte. 31 and Glass Factory Road. Should there also be a small sign at or near the actual site?

Wally said he had seen one of the original "Welcome of Lyndeborough" signs in an old barn which said "A Friendly Town." Making new signs was discussed, as was reviving the house sign program.

Jessie will talk with Ould Colony Artisans for shapes, sizes and costs for next meeting.

It was decided that pictures of barns should be added to the Old House Project, and in the future begin adding such things as cellar holes and stone culverts for as complete an inventory of each old house as possible.

An aim of the Commission is to prevent, as far as possible, the destruction of heritage houses. Education of owners and the general population is a goal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Secretary