

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, May 28, 2015, Tarbell Library

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

The minutes of April 30 were approved by consensus. The date on the minutes was corrected.

The meeting officially opened at 7:10 p.m.

Proofs of proposed house signs were displayed. The design was approved but Wally said he wanted a change. It was decided the Forest House sign should read 1839, plus a second sign: Pearson 1795. Jessie will request the changes.

Stephanie presented new wording for the Glass Factory sign:

The Lyndeborough Glass Factory

Nearby stood the Lyndeborough Glass Factory, incorporated in 1866. With eleven buildings on twelve acres, its first bottles were produced in May 1867. Silex from nearby quartz ledges was fashioned into glass, often with a distinct blue-green tint. At its peak, 70 men and boys produced up to 7,000 bottles a day in all shapes and sizes, along with glass insulators and other glass implements. It was reorganized in 1886 as the Crystal Glass Company, and it produced glass for two more years before closing. The buildings were all torn down, but the glass is highly valued by collectors.

She used the sign on the common as an example for size and word count. The sign will be ordered.

Wally said he reinforced the Center sign with cement and added some rocks for looks.

Stephanie has submitted three items for The Views: Monument Committee update, note about memorial bricks, another about the availability of house

signs, and a history of the Steele House (Rob and Daize Smith) for her continuing series on village houses.

Jessie submitted pieces on the Woodmont and Rose Mountain conservation easements.

Memorial Day services, including a tribute to the town's Civil War soldiers, were well received. Bob wondered if such ceremonies should be videoed.

Community Day was discussed. We will again ask Jerry Renault to play the church organ. Should we sponsor a croquet tournament as something different? A level place would have to be found.

A suggestion was received that the stones around the "So. Lyndeboro" railroad sign by the Common be replaced with bricks to match the rest of the gardens. It will be looked into.

The Wilton Wanderers Snowmobile Club has indicated they will place a snow fence along the tracks to keep machines off the common. One bench was narrowly missed last winter. Stephanie tried a temporary fix by placing traffic markers near them.

The next meeting will be on June 25, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall.
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Secretary