

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

MONDAY, Feb. 1, 2016, Citizens' Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Lee Mayhew, Wally Holt, Stephanie Roper, Clayton Brown.

Also Scott Roper

The meeting officially opened at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of Oct. 29 were approved on a motion by Lee, seconded by Clayton. There was no Treasurer's report. One Intent-to-cut form was received for a property on New Road.

STAGE CURTAIN

The stage backdrop at Town Hall was installed by Christine Hadsel and Mary Jo Davis of Curtains Without Borders and several residents the first week of November.

Ms Hadsel has produced a beautiful picture book about their work and a copy was purchased for the town library.

Wally said the missing stage side panels were stored in his barn. They had been at Citizens' Hall before the renovations. He will return them to the Center Hall in the spring.

HOUSE SIGNS

Two signs are on order. The sign painter has been ill. (I just learned that they have been received – made for Ellen Martin and Amy Trudeau)

HISTORIC MARKERS

The sign proposed for this year will commemorate the Peter Clark Pottery in North Lyndeborough. Stephanie is working on the wording. It was wondered if the signs should be larger, of the lettering larger, to make them easier to read from the road. That will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Glass Factory Sign area will be cleaned and planted in the spring by members of the Common Committee.

A sign for the South Yard and Civil War Monument was discussed as a future project.

OLD HOUSE PROJECT

Phase One, recording and photographing all of the houses on the 1905 list, has been completed and is undergoing corrections as citizens find errors. Phase Two will add old barns and other significant outbuildings. Old pictures and memories are still being sought.

COMMON AND MONUMENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Stephanie said they are considering the purchase of two bronze plaques for the central stone, one for Vietnam veterans and the other for all of the wars and conflicts since then. They would like them in place for Memorial Day. She has begun lists of names and received a list of Vietnam veterans from Karl Heinonen.

She also suggested a wooden sign listing all of the names to be placed near the railroad tracks in the newly cleaned area.

24 engraved bricks have been received and will be placed on the Common before Memorial Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wally mentioned the missing stones from the wall of the South Yard, one near a gate on Cemetery Road and two long granite pieces from Furnace Hill Road. The cap stones were stolen several years ago. He will look into finding replacements.

The Schwartz House has been demolished. The second since the Old House Project was begun.

Scott is working on the history of the town's earliest roads and asked for help in locating some of them, including the one from Amherst to the Center, old Greenfield Road, and a road to Keene which passed through Salem-Canada in the early 1700s. The location of the first meeting house on Locust Lane was discussed.

Lee asked that a discussion of combining with the Historic District Commission be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 29, 7 p.m., at Citizens' Hall

Secretary