

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

MONDAY, Feb. 29, 2016, Citizens' Hall

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

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

Minutes of Feb. 1 were approved on a motion by Stephanie, seconded by Clayton. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,368.87.

There were no new Intent-to-cut forms.

Clayton had several old photos from his archives – odd ice formations along Gulf Road taken in the 1950s, plus a newspaper clipping from the Milford Cabinet of the first new fire truck, taken in 1966 and reprinted in 1995.

Clayton wondered, now that the Center Hall has an alarm system, if the Historical Society could use the upstairs kitchen area for their artifacts. The cellar room at the library is difficult to access. The selectmen will be asked.

HOUSE SIGNS UPDATE

Signs have been received for the Crosby House (Donald Nadeau) and Park House (Amy Trudeau). One new order had been received.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Since Lee was not present, it was decided to post the first meeting at Center Hall, probably April 25, as the required annual meeting of the Historic District Commission.

HISTORIC MARKERS UPDATE

Making the new sign larger or with larger lettering was discussed. We have to determine where on The Turnpike it should be placed – at the junction of the Turnpike and Sharpe Roads, on the northwest corner would be the ideal spot. Stephanie has a first draft of wording. The Clark Pottery was on Sharpe Road.

A discussion followed about Sharpe Road, bridges in the area that no longer exist, and roads in North Lyndeborough that are no longer maintained, why they aren't, and if they perhaps should be, at least minimally.

COMMON AND MONUMENTS

Stephanie said around May 1 they will consider the placements of the newly inscribed bricks.

A comment has been received concerning the stone border around the “So. Lyndeboro” railroad sign. Should those stones be replaced with bricks to match the rest of the common? The idea will be considered in May.

CHESTNUT TREE AT CITIZENS’ HALL

The tree would be one grown at Shieling Forest in Peterborough and presented through the Significant Trees of Wilton and Lyndeborough Group. It has been suggested that it be planted on the bank behind Citizens’ Hall to replace the old pine trees removed during the winter. Members said it was a “great idea” and there should be a tree there. Jessie is to get information on tree size, care, etc.

OLD FIRE WHISTLE

There is a petition on the warrant to revive the old siren. Members agreed it was a good idea. In addition to preserving a piece of history, blowing the whistle alerts people, particularly walkers, that the fire trucks may be coming. The whistle has been on the roof since about 1950 and may have once been a Civil Defense air raid siren. It was a gift to the town from state surplus.

MISSING CEMETERY STONES.

Wally was not present and the item was not discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie said somebody had given Don and Kathy Guertin a granite marker commemorating The Village Store. A place will be found for it on the common.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for Monday, March 28, 7 p.m., at Citizens’ Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary