

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

MONDAY, March 28, 2016, Citizens' Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Stephanie Roper, Bob Rogers, Wally Holt, Carl Wetherbee, Lee Mayhew, and Julie Zebuhr

The meeting officially opened at 7 p.m.

Minutes of Feb. 29 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Lee.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,368.87.

There were no new Intent-to-cut forms.

STORAGE/DISPLAY FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jessie, Stephanie and Clayton met with the Board of Selectmen on March 16 to discuss the question. The Selectmen suggested building or installing narrow display cases upstairs in Citizens' Hall between the windows.

Upstairs in the Town Hall is not secure, cannot be used by the public, and the stairs would be a problem. The current storage room at the library is damp and not a good place for paper and pictures, and is not readily accessible.

Lee suggested the upper floor of the new "Emergency Services Building" on Center Road. It would be dry and secure. He also suggested we meet with the town administrator for a tour.

Lee said money could be put into the budget for next year if we determine a space and its needs.

It will be followed up.

HISTORIC MARKER UPDATE

Stephanie read proposed wording for the Peter Clark Pottery sign. Bob suggested reducing the text and enlarging the words to make it more legible to passers-by. Lee said the signs need to be a little bigger.

The ideal place for the sign is at the junction of Sharp Road and the Turnpike, diagonally across from Devir's. The pottery was located on Sharp Road.

Lee suggested we ask Ginny Chrisenton about printing a sample on the large printer at the library.

After some discussion the following wording was tentatively approved:

Peter Clark Pottery

Peter Clark moved to North Lyndeborough in 1775 to open a pottery. He was a captain in the American Revolution, a deacon, and served in many town offices. Along with his sons, he produced practical redware such as pots and jugs. Clark died in 1826, but his sons continued the trade in Francestown until 1855. His pottery is much sought after.

COMMON AND MONUMENTS

Stephanie said there are 24 engraved bricks to install and she will need blank bricks from Wally. A Saturday in mid-April was suggested as a work day to plan the layout, plus another Saturday to begin clean-up.

The Glass Factory sign needs to be properly landscaped. We will ask Kent for some loam.

Stephanie said two bronze plaques, one commemorating the Vietnam Conflict and the other all of the “little wars” since would be placed on the large center stone. The plaques would match the existing ones. She suggested a wooden sign, such as Merrimack has installed, listing all of the participants in those wars plus World War II and Korea. With painted signs, corrections can be made.

Bob said people prefer bronze and wooden ones would require maintenance. Stephanie is collecting names and it was suggested she ask Walter Holland for his list.

CHESTNUT TREE

It was agreed that trees behind Citizens’ Hall would be nice, perhaps the donated chestnut tree plus one or two smaller flowering trees since the chestnut is slow-growing. Lee said the area would be cleaned this spring, the stumps removed, and the handicapped access ramp repaired. Perhaps a picnic table could be installed.

It will be discussed again later in the spring.

STOLEN CEMETERY STONES

Wally mentioned the stones missing from one of the gates at South Yard and said he could find appropriate stones for repair. Several long cap stones are also missing from the Furnace Hill Road side.

Bob said a stone with an iron ring in it was stolen from Johnson’s Corner Cemetery.

Wally will look into replacements of the South Cemetery gate stones.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Lee presented documentation of all previous discussions concerning the combining of the two commissions.

A joint meeting will be held in May at the Town Hall to finally conclude the matter.

It was decided that a newspaper notice would not be required

OTHER BUSINESS

New signage is being developed for the trailheads at both the Upper and Lower Purgatory Falls by a student from UNH.

Scott Roper has completed his study of the status of Joslin Road and also looked at several other roads to determine if they had been permanently closed. Julie said such information should not be public, owners have a right to privacy, but others said it is needed since the roads are town-owned and accessible to the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for April 25, 2016, 7 p.m., at Citizens' Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary