

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

MONDAY, April 25, 2016, Citizens' Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Stephanie Roper, Wally Holt, Lee Mayhew, and Clayton Brown. Also present: Chris Schoen and Scott Roper.

The meeting officially opened at 7 p.m.

Chris Schoen was present to talk about display cabinets for the upper floor. The group went there and tentatively decided on four glass-topped, lockable, table-style pieces to fit between the windows. Chris will return with scale drawings and costs.

The Commission has received a collection of maps from Helen vanHam. These include locations of all cellar holes known to her at the time on a 1976 Historical Society map; a 1981 NRPC road map; and a 1961 N.H. State Planning and Development Commission road map showing dates of closures and other notations.

Clayton also provided a list of closed roads from his memory as road agent plus a list of barns that have burned.

All of this information will be copied to one new map.

Also received, from Ruth Moynihan Black, was a collection of pictures taken in 1999 during the planting of the disease resistant elm tree beside the town hall. Selected pictures are to be copied and the originals returned to her.

The minutes of March 28 were approved on a motion by Lee, seconded by Stephanie. The treasurer's report show a balance on \$1,310.51. There were no new intent-to-cut forms.

TREES AT CITIZENS' HALL

The selectmen have received offers of donations of two flowering trees to be added to the hybrid chestnut tree. Trees can be planted after the handicapped ramp has been repaired and the area where the old pines were is graded. All of the trees would be given as memorials.

CLARK POTTERY SIGN

Kent Perry has said that the sign will not fit in the town's right-of-way along the Turnpike and a written release will be needed. Clayton said he would talk to the owner.

The sign is to be larger, with larger lettering, than previous signs, to improve visibility.

LUCAS CELLAR HOLE

The Conservation Commission is preparing a plan to upgrade and improve the entrance and parking at the boat launch area on Putnam Pond. The cellar hole of the former Lucas house is to the left of the entry and needs to be cleared and the old lilac preserved. There are also orange day lilies on the site. Jessie and Stephanie will look at the area and perhaps move some of the lilies to the Village Common.

MISSING SOUTH CEMETERY WALL STONES

The Highway Department has repaired the easternmost entry, replacing all of the fallen or leaning stones except the one large one on the corner which was apparently stolen. Wally said he would find a replacement.

WORK ON THE VILLAGE COMMON

Stephanie reported that Greg Porter has filled in all of the holes on the common and repaired damage done during the installation of underground electric wires. Work will continue along the School Street (Putnam Hill) side of the tracks, adding loam to build up the lawn area, define the parking areas, and add gravel. Clearing along the tracks will continue to the edge of drainage way. Lilies may be planted along that.

Phil Brooks has offered some granite posts for the project and that will be looked into.

Stephanie will order the bronze Vietnam veterans' plaque for the central stone. Wording of the memorial to "all of the other wars" is still under discussion.

New memorial bricks will be placed when Walter Holland is available, but before Memorial Day.

Stephanie and Greg will look at the Glass Factory sign and decide on landscaping. Russell Haskell has offered to build a flower box at the base of the sign similar to the one on the "Welcome to Greenfield" sign on Route 31.

It was agreed that the sign is too small and too hard to read. The Clark Pottery sign will be larger.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a short discussion of signs for the cemeteries, particularly the South Yard and the Civil War Monument.

Lee suggested that the old maps be copied and stored at the town office. Lee will arrange for new maps, such as the one used by Kent Perry for noting old stone culverts. Stephanie will investigate copy firms. She and Jessie will see to copying the information to the new maps this summer.

THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., Center Hall, was chosen for the annual meeting of the Historic District Commission. The Heritage Commission meeting will follow immediately.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary