

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, October 27, Town Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Bob Rogers, Clayton Brown, Stephanie Roper, and Julie Zebuhr. Walter Holt arrived at 7:30

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
The minutes of Sept. 29, 2017, were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Julie.
No treasurer's report and no new intent-to-cut forms. The town office will be reminded to forward all intent-to-cut forms to the Commission.
Clayton had several photos of the installation of the Center Hall flagpole for the archives. The current flagpole was installed in the 1980s.

Glass factory sign

Jessie met the sign-maker, Bob Leonard of Providence, R.I., in Milford and picked up the remade sign. It will be at the town office until Wally has a chance to install it. The original sign will be kept at Citizens' Hall.

Clark Pottery sign

The sign, to be installed near the corner of Sharpe Road and the Turnpike, will be the same size as the new glass factory sign. Wording will be finalized in the spring.

Common Committee

Stephanie picked up the ten newly inscribed bricks. They will be installed in front of the monument before Veterans' Day. The brick circle around the flagpole has been completed. Further work will be done in the spring in good weather. An offer of a donation of more bricks has been received. Dedication of the memorial will take place on Veterans' Day if arrangements can be made with the Lafayette Artillery Company. Otherwise, it will be on Memorial Day.

Town Office Display

Polly Brown has placed a collection of pictures and a short history of the Bullard Family in the town office case honoring the recent arrival of a seventh generation of the family in town. Such displays are to be encouraged. Members will arrange materials for the new display cases prior to Town Meeting.

Demolition permits

Jessie met with Russ Boland to discuss the idea, and it was further discussed at the Selectmen's meeting on Oct. 25. Russ said a paragraph could be added to the current demolition permit specifying that any building 100 years or older could require a review by the Heritage Commission. It was noted that since the beginning of the Old House Project four years ago, six houses have disappeared, five of them intentionally. Two historic buildings were demolished: The Glass Factory office and Hunter's Cot. A homeowner cannot be prevented from demolishing a building, but the object of the review is education and awareness of the town's history and possibly finding alternatives.

(SIDE NOTES from the discussion: The former town barn was built in 1938 by George Warren. Norma Walker's house will be totally renovated but the outside little changed. It was built by John Dolliver.

Church bell update

Wally said he had inspected the bell with a blacksmith and has arranged to have an engineer look at it. He also talked with Pastor Lemire, whom he said was "getting the required bolts." A way has to be found to suspend the bell in place while repairs are made. It weighs between 800 and 1000 pounds. Wally will talk with Leo Trudeau about getting an estimate for the entire project which will be given to church officials so they can apply for a grant. That plan has to include the repair of the wheel that holds the bell as well as the stairs.

The bell was installed in 1857.

Local history school program

Jessie met with the FRES fourth grade teachers, Principal Tim O'Connell, and Deb Mortvedt of the Wilton Heritage Commission, to discuss the idea of an expanded local history unit. The unit will be introduced in the spring and will include research, a visit to the Wilton Historical Society, and a bus tour of historic sites in Wilton and Lyndeborough. The Lyndeborough Historical Society will prepare an exhibit in the Town hall.

Other

Clayton said, while Edna Worcester's house was being cleaned for sale, Mary Holt found the records of the Dogwood Reservation Club, which was founded in 1948 with 14 members. In recent years it gradually ceased as members passed away or moved. Polly Brown has invited the last few members to get together, look over those records, and tell their story for the record.

It was agreed the Edna should have a memorial brick since she does not have a headstone. At her request, some of her ashes were fired by the Artillery canon over the field behind the Town Hall. Bob said a flag is placed for her on a family plot.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, 7 p.m., at the library. Discussion of a budget will be by phone and email after Jan. 1.

Clerk

