

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, July 27, Town Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Bob Rogers, Clayton Brown, Leo Trudeau and Stephanie Roper

7 p.m.: Stephanie opened the meeting at 7 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for Lee Mayhew who passed away on July 25.

The minutes of June 29, 2017, were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Stephanie.

No treasurer's report and no new intent-to-cut forms. Since there has been logging done, the town office will be asked if they are no longer being sent to us.

The proposed easement on the Proctor property was discussed and a logging operation on the Grossman lot, use of Richardson Road and an old stone culvert. Logging trucks will not be allowed on the newly paved Mountain Road.

MONUMENTS/COMMON COMMITTEE

Stephanie reported, Medlyn's met with the committee to determine size, 14 by 16 inches partly because of cost. Mr. Medlyn will also fix the old monuments' rosette fasteners to prevent theft. Wording of the two new signs was shown and approved. Stephanie and Walter Holland will pick up the "cube" of 600 bricks next week and placement on the common will be determined.

Stephanie has weed-whacked around the glass factory sign, where the vegetation is filling in, and along the Putnam Hill side of the common.

LIBRARY STORAGE ROOM

Members will meet on Tuesday with the Library Trustees to work out a way to correct some "misunderstandings" over the Historical Society storage construction.

Jessie and Stephanie have begun the "dusty, musty" work of sorting, cataloguing and properly storing the Historical Society pictures and documents.

CHURCH BELL TOWER

Leo said he had visited the bell again and “found things I hadn’t seen before” when he studied how the bell was attached to the frame. It is held to the head plate by custom made U bolts. Some previous repairs have come loose. It needs to be looked at by an expert. The tower leans a little and that has affected the bell structure. It has worn away cradle points. Just replacing the rusted and missing bolts will not be enough. It needs to be made level again. The wheel/windlass which moves the bell needs to be repaired or replaced. “If repaired properly, the bell will last, but if just a band-aid, what’s the point?”

The stairs need to be replaced before any work can be done. A no entry sign should be placed there by the Church Council for insurance reasons.

Leo will prepare a list of needed repairs and estimated costs, to be given to the Historic District Commission, which has jurisdiction over the exterior, and to the Church Council which can then apply for a grant.

No fund-raising can begin without the costs.

VANISHED HOUSES

Pictures of houses that no longer exist are being discovered in the Historical Society boxes. They will be added as another chapter to The Old House Project.

COMMUNITY DAY

Stephanie will have a table for the Historical Society soliciting new members.

STAGE FLOOR

Russ said there may be \$700 left in the building’s budget after chimney repairs and sealing the driveway which can be used. The next project, to be placed in the town budget, is repair of the stage ceiling and replacement of the ante room steps.

The next meeting was set for Aug. 31, 2017, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Secretary