

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

FRIDAY, September 29, Town Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Bob Rogers, Clayton Brown, Walter Holt, Stephanie Roper, and Selectman Mark Schultz

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
The minutes of August 31, 2017, were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Mark.
No treasurer's report and no new intent-to-cut forms. The town office will be asked to forward all intent-to-cut forms to the commission.

MONUMENTS/Common Committee

Stephanie said six bricks are currently being inscribed.
The location of the new walk will be marked. Wally said he would talk to Kent Perry about sand and would get some help in laying bricks.
The new memorial stone looks good and it was agreed the dedication of the new memorial plaques should be on Veterans' Day. Walter Holland will be consulted.
Stephanie has again weed-whacked along Putnam Hill Road and around the Glass Factory sign. The new sign is on order. It will be used as model for the Clark Pottery sign as to size. It was agreed that the stone planter is appropriate and adds to the site.
Next year's project will be placing a decorative wrought iron fence along the waterway behind the memorials.
Also under consideration: a wooden sign with the names of Vietnam and later war veterans to be placed on the other side of the tracks. The sign will be made so that names can easily be added.

STAGE FLOOR

Wally will talk to Russ about doing it during October.

CHURCH BELL

Wally said he had viewed it with a blacksmith who made some suggestions about replacing bolts. The stairs need to be replaced before any work is done and Leo needs to be involved.

DEMOLITION PERMIT REVIEW

Jessie said this idea had come up in Wilton because of the upcoming demolition of the Florence Rideout house, and because of the demolition of the Pine Valley School in Milford. There was concern about the gradual loss of history. Their Heritage Commission is looking into an ordinance.

We have lost six houses over the past five years, all but one by the owners. The proposal is for the Heritage Commission to have the authority to review demolition permits for 30 days and, for those buildings over 100 years old, to hold a hearing if it is considered appropriate. The Commission would not have the authority to stop a demolition but could suggest alternatives and at least make the history of the house known. A goal would be to raise awareness of local history and “get people to stop and think.”

The Commission would have liked to have preserved Hunters’ Cot and the Glass Factory office. Either could have been moved.

It was agreed that it is a good idea, that “something needs to be done,” and it will be discussed further with the town administrator. Such authority would require a vote of the town.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM FOR FOURTH GRADE

Jessie said this idea was presented to the School Board several months ago. A Wilton resident is concerned about the small amount of local history being taught and has offered to work with the teachers on an enrichment program. Jessie will meet with her and the teachers and help develop the program for Lyndeborough students.

The Commission approved the idea and agreed to support it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie said the inventory of Historical Society items is almost complete. Unwanted items have been discarded and the rest cataloged. Everything is now listed on a computer and stored in acid-free folders and boxes.

Wally said he would remove the unwanted room removed “soon.”

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was set for Friday, October 27, 7 p.m., at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

