

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, September 21, 2018, Center Hall

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Stephanie Roper, Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

Jessie had a picture of the “Paige Cottage” on Mountain Road, probably taken in the 1920s, and was seeking information on when the house was demolished. No one knew and more research will be done.

7:10 p.m. Stephanie opened the meeting.

Treasurer’s report: Balance on Aug. 31: \$2,940.83

Minutes of August 17 were approved by consensus.

### CLARK POTTERY SIGN

No further word from the sign painter.

### CLASS 6 ROAD GRADING

Most of the town’s class 6 roads were designated “emergency fire lanes” several years ago and most have recently been graded. Cider Mill and Furnace Hill Roads were declared “much improved and now passable.”

### WOODWARD MONUMENT SIGN

Word was received that the sign is done and en route.

### ROAD AND POST OFFICE SIGNS

The “Not meant for cars” sign on Cider Mill Road was given to the Historical Society, as well as two school signs, one from Putnam Hill Road and the other (rusty and dented) from Route 31 near the Holt residence. Also, the Post Office has a new sign and the old, much faded wooden one, is now at the library, thanks to the Highway Department.

### COMMON

The committee is still waiting for Wally to place the bricks for a walkway from the monuments to the flagpole. They would like the walkway in place for Veterans’ Day.

Greg has extended his mowing along Putnam Hill Road and Stephanie will see to trimming once more this fall.

#### OTHER BUSINESS HORSE TROUGHS

At one time, the town paid several residents to maintain horse troughs. The only one left is the stone trough which was moved to the common in 1915 (the record does not say from where). Edward Dolliver was paid \$23.75 to move it. In 1915, the town paid \$1.50 to each of nine residents to maintain watering troughs, but only the location of the one on Johnson's Corner Road is known. Those paid were Lois McIntyre, Jason Holt, Edward Dolliver, Carl Nelson, E.M. Reffin, James Putnam, John Fish, Frank Cummings, and Percy Putnam. By 1929, there were only four troughs. More research is needed for the town history.

#### THE PAIGE COTTAGE AND VANISHED HOUSES

Jessie will be on vacation in October and has been asked to provide several articles for the Milford Cabinet for that week. The picture of the now gone Paige Cottage was suggested as the start of a piece on houses that no longer exist. The house dates to the mid-1800s, was probably built by Nathaniel Batchelder, and is named for Edward Page Spalding. There are about 20 houses on the list in the 1905 history that no longer exist.

#### NEXT MEETING

Because of conflicts, the next meeting was set for Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., at the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Clerk

