

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, May 24, 2019, Tarbell Library

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Bob Rogers, Stephanie Roper, Julie Zebuhr, and Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

7 p.m. Stephanie opened the meeting.

Minutes of April 26, were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Mark. There was no treasurer's report or intent-to-cut forms.

SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had two Firemen's badges from the 1940s, a gift from Tedo Rocca to the Historical Society.

Bob reported receiving from the New Boston Historical society a memorial booklet regarding Rev. Benjamin Clark. He was the son of Peter Clark, born in 1808 and a potter until he felt called to the ministry. He graduated from Miami University in Ohio and returned to Lyndeborough in 1837. He served the Lyndeborough Church in 1838, attended Andover Theological Seminary and was ordained in the No. Chelmsford church in 1838. He served that church until his death in 1879. (Donovan History page 702)

The booklet will be given to the Historical Society.

COMMON

The Common was raked, mowed, and flowers planted for Memorial Day. The committee found that the people who put in the wiring for the light and power outlet left an unsightly mess: trenches unraked, piles of dirt and stones. Mark Chamberlain and Scott Roper did much of the heavy clean-up and a complaint was lodged with the selectmen. Loam was spread on the disturbed areas and grass seed added.

Scott and Stephanie repaired and repainted the sign posts.

FOURTH GRADE HISTORY TOUR

The tour will be held on June 6, with the Lyndeborough portion in the morning. Stephanie will be at Citizens' Hall to present a short history of the town and several town officials will be present to meet the children. Jessie will be at Center Hall, exhibit to be determined. Walter Holland is scheduled to be present with the Artillery cannon.

DECORATIVE FENCE FOR BEHIND THE MONUMENTS

Stephanie and Scott have been looking at samples and are seeking a fence without “sharp points.” Mark will also check on a site.

Granite curbing to define the end of the parking lot across from the church and to protect the railroad station foundations is being looked into.

Inquiries will be made about money available in the Kimball Memorial Fund. Half of the interest is supposed to go to upkeep of the common.

CLARK POTTERY SIGN UPDATE

Bob has spoken with the owner of the property, Jason Janowiec. He and Mark Chase will determine the location. Stephanie will purchase and paint the posts.

WEST CEMETERY

Stephanie will redo the wording, the sign to be the same size as the Woodward Monument. The South Yard sign wordage was approved and both should be ordered at the same time.

Dr. Bartlett’s gravesite was added to the list.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held at Center Hall at 7 p.m., Friday, June 21, prior to the meeting of the Heritage Commission. A letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen asking that a representative attend to update the Commission on repairs to the former town barn and plans concerning a proposed fire department substation. The Commission has an interest in both projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business,

The next meeting is Friday, June 21, following the meeting of the Historic District Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

