

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, February 22, 2019, Tarbell Library

Present: Jessie Salisbury, Stephanie Roper, Walter Holt, and Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

7 p.m. Stephanie opened the meeting.

Minutes of Jan. 18, 2019, were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Stephanie. There was no treasurer's report.

### SHOW AND TELL

Jessie spoke of a visit with Lowell and Anne Thomas, owners of the former Parker Tavern Stand on the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.H. Turnpike. Built in the 1790s, it was enlarged in 1802 with the opening of the turnpike and served as a tavern and stage stop until the coming of the railroad. Mr. Thomas is an expert on early American lighting, particularly whale oil lamps.

Jessie is also seeking information on a small house on Mountain Road that was once a blueberry camp called "The Cigar Box."

### STAGE BACK DROP

A letter was received from Rick Holmes of Derry stating that he believed the Town Hall stage backdrop had been painted by James Duffy (1872-1953), but a second letter stated that he was mistaken. It is possible that Duffy was the painter, but it is unsigned. The backdrop was probably installed in the 1920s. The letters have been placed in the file at the town office.

### HDC AND MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE RECORDS

The minutes and files of both commissions have been moved to the town office for preservation. The Historic District Commission is no longer a separate entity, and the Meetinghouse Committee pre-dated the HDC. Those minutes detail the beginning work on the restoration of the Hall.

### DOGWOOD RESERVATION SIGN

The reservation, actually a state botanical park, is under the jurisdiction of the state Division of Forests and Lands, and they have been advised of the condition of the sign. Stephanie wondered if a historic marker should be

placed at the entrance and the idea was added to the list of possible future projects

#### CLARK POTTERY SIGN

The owner of the property will be invited to a future meeting. The sign will be installed in the spring.

#### COMMON

Protection and preservation of the railroad station foundation is this year's priority. Several suggestions were made including coating the exposed bricks, which are weathering, with a sealant; establishing a flowerbed along the line of bricks; some type of decorative fencing to keep cars from driving over it; and a gazebo-type structure for a picnic area.

Also discussed was looking further into a wooden sign listing veterans; placing more memorial bricks near the memorials and the flag pole; continued reclamation of the space between Putnam Hill Road and the drainage ditch; and planting of day lilies along the waterway to define the edge of the common. Greg has extended his mowing to include the area along the road.

#### DISPLAY CASES AT CITIZENS' HALL

Jessie replaced two of the exhibits in the display cases. Removed were the plane crash of 1959 and a book of handwritten warrants from the 1800s, which is now in the Town Clerk's safe. New exhibits are a collection of post cards and a brief history of the railroad stations. The glass and china Lyndeborough souvenirs and the Artillery swords were retained.

#### POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

Wording for the signs for the South and West Cemeteries is being finalized. Both are to be installed this summer.

The next project for the Town Hall is replacement of the anteroom steps. Russ has said it is on the list. After that, the two small rooms on either side of the stage.

Mark said culverts and cellar hole locations can be put onto the map through NRPC.

A first draft of the Town History is tentatively set for fall, as well as more work on the Old House Project.

The next meeting was set for Friday, March 22, 7 p.m., at the library.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk