

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, August 30, 2019, Center Hall

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

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Minutes of July 26 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Mark. There was no treasurer's report. One intent-to-cut forms were received from Burton Reynolds.

SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a collection of old pictures and post cards given to the Historical Society by Lucy Schmidt.

COMMUNITY DAY

The event on Aug. 10 was better attended this year than last. Advertising was better. Bob reported 65 people attended the dinner. It was suggested that next year there be more activities for children and live music. Jessie and Stephanie reported "a steady trickle" of visitors to their table but no one came to an update on the town history. The weather was excellent.

CLARK POTTERY SIGN

The sign has been installed by Road Agent Mark Chase on the Turnpike near the corner of Sharpe Road. Several compliments have been received. A stone planter base has not yet been created but may be in the future. Mark said he had plenty of stones if Stephanie wants them.

WEST CEMETERY

The sign has been ordered but no response received as yet.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Roberta Howe Douglas will present a program at the Center Hall on Sept. 20, "Growing up in a large family in Lyndeborough during the 1930s and 1940s." The program is free and all are invited.

COMMON

The “Purple Heart Community” sign has been installed near the Christmas tree. There is a total of seven signs at town lines, Route 31, Center Road and the Turnpike.

The flower beds need weeding and a regular weeding program was suggested, perhaps offer a small stipend.

Mark said the boat launch will be dedicated to Lee Mayhew, perhaps this fall. The only work left to be done is gravel for the ramp.

Work will begin on restoration of the South Yard wall next week.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

Stephanie said most of the first draft has been completed and edited. She has been able to find very little information on Vietnam veterans. Scott is still working on the roads. This year’s goal was to complete the first draft and that has been done. For next year: completion of the text and to decide on pictures.

PROJECT FOR NEXT YEAR

It was decided to do signs for two cemeteries a year, a discreet sign at cemetery gates and not on access roads. Those left to do include Center, Johnson’s Corner, Perham Corner, North, Dolliver and Whittemore. The next ones were not decided.

Welcome to Lyndeborough signs were put on hold.

The map of old cellar holes and stone culverts needs to be completed and digitized probably using GPS.

As explained by Mark and Stephanie, GPS is global positioning system. Someone would take a device to each of the culverts and cellar holes, and get its exact coordinates (while taking a picture of it.) This could be downloaded onto a map (or preferably more than one map--one for culverts, one for cellar holes, etc.) For this project, we don't need exact precision, like the devices that Mark uses. We do need someone who has taken some classes on either ArcGis or QGIS--the programs that need to be used to do the plotting. QGIS is open source, which means it is free. ArcGIS is free to high schoolers, but for just about everyone else, you have to pay ESRI (the company in California).

This might be something that a college student would be interested in. But it probably should be something that we pay the person for. They would have to be allowed to onto private property, since they need to be at the object when they get the coordinates.

The map would be of help to several town boards and could be provided to loggers. How it can be done, who would do the work, how much it would cost, will be considered over the winter. Russ will be advised that the Commission may be seeking more funds for the project. He would like budget information by next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting date was decided as the last Friday of the month. The Commission will not meet in November and December.

The next meet is Friday, September 27, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall.
The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Secretary

