

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, October 25, 2019, J.A. Tarbell Library

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

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of September 27 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Mark. The treasurer's report showed a balance on Sept. 30 of \$3,723.84. Several intent-to-cut forms were reviewed.

### SHOW AND TELL

The signs for the West Cemetery and Dr. Bartlett's grave have arrived and were declared "great, well made and appropriate." They were made by Ould Colony Artisans of Providence, R.I., at a cost of \$225.

The Commission received a gift from the New Boston Historical Society, a register of the Jonas Abbott and Betsy Parker family who had 11 children, many of them buried in Lyndeborough. They had found it in their files and felt it belonged in Lyndeborough. Dates range from 1808 to 1830. It will be given to the Historical Society for safekeeping.

Clayton brought a *Milford Cabinet* clipping showing a picture of the Model T Fords once owned by his father-in-law Arthur Bullard.

### HISTORY TOUR REPORT

The event on Oct. 10 went well with good weather. Mark and Stephanie were at Citizens' Hall, Clayton at the Town Pound, Jessie and Walter Holland in the Town Hall. The students appeared interested and asked good questions. (Clayton had a number of "town pound stories" concerning former resident Ken Mills and his wandering livestock).

No report has been received as yet from Wilton.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Costs for the digitizing of the cellar hole map have been put into the budget. Mark said part of the costs (estimated at about \$1,000) could come from the town's tax map line.

### SIGNS FOR NEXT YEAR

Center and Johnson's Corner Cemeteries are next on the list with North, Perham Corner, Dolliver and Whittemore added for later. The South Yard sign was delayed until the wall was repaired, which has been done. Signs for the small, now closed, cemeteries that are off the road will be placed at the gate.

### TOWN HALL PROJECT FOR NEXT YEAR

Replacement of the anteroom steps is again at the top of the list. Russ said that would be done next year (provided there isn't another emergency repair needed at the hall).

### OTHER BUSINESS

Bob said that after extensive research, Cemetery Trustee Ginny Chrisenton has identified the people in some unmarked grave sites including the sites of several Revolutionary War veterans. Medlyn Monuments has offered to make markers at the reduced price of \$550 each. The markers will ensure the veterans are honored and receive flags. Members agreed that such recognition is what the Commission was created to do. Ginny will be asked for details and a plan devised. The Cemetery Trustees hope to have funds enough to purchase the markers.

The next meeting was set for January 24, 2020, 7 p.m., at the library, unless something arises in the meantime that can't be handled by email.

Clerk

