

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, October 29, 2021, Tarbell Library

Present: Stephanie Roper, Robert Howe, Lou Rota (the only member who arrived with an agenda), Jessie Salisbury, and Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

SHOW AND TELL.

Jessie received an e-mail from, and later spoke with, Beth Salerno, professor of history at St. Anselm College, who is writing a book about abolitionist Mary Clark of Concord, a granddaughter of potter Peter Clark. She is seeking Peter Clark's diary (there is an excerpt from it in our 1905 history). She said she was told it was at the museum at the Bennington, Vt., Battle Monument, but they said they didn't have it. The museum does have Clark's sword and several other artifacts. She also sent a copy of a 2015 article from New England Antiques about Clark's Pottery which we didn't have. It will be added to the Historical Society's file.

The minutes of Sept. 24 were accepted on a motion by Mark, seconded by Bob.

No treasurer's report

There were two intent-to-cut forms, operations on Center and Pinnacle Roads.

2022 BUDGET

The budget that was approved for 2021, \$1500, was reduced by \$450 to \$1050. The \$450 had been intended for digitizing the cellar hole map, but was not done due to COVID

The approved budget:

- Workshops, tuition and mileage – 150

- Town History project – 100

- Historic markers – one per year – 500

- Supplies, research and printing – 300

- Total - \$1050

WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

The signs have been ordered. No further word from the sign maker.

VIDEO PROJECT

The film “Shared History: Wilton and Lyndeborough” was shown twice at the Town Hall Theater in Wilton on Oct. 23 and was well received by over 100 viewers. Michael Dell’Orto said the videographer will now divide the film into towns for use on their websites and is requesting a donation toward that project. Lou moved, Mark seconded, to make a donation “not to exceed \$300” if the request is received.

It was agreed that the video was well made, professionally done, and “money well spent.”

It was suggested the donation come from the Historic Markers line in the budget.

CENTER HALL REPAIRS

Mark said the selectmen have discussed the deteriorating windows and have talked to Andy Roeper about restoring “a couple at a time,” starting with the those in the poorest shape. Mark said some “may have to be secured” this fall. The hall will be closed for the winter after Veterans’ Day.

TOWN HISTORY

No progress has been made because of other projects and work schedules.

CENTER CHURCH/YARD SALE

The sale was held on Sept. 25 and Oct.9. Stephanie reported sales and donations of about \$2200 at the first sale and \$1400 at the second. Some items remain in storage. The building fund now has over \$27,000.

There is still no word from the IRS concerning the Historical Society’s 501(c)3 status. Stephanie will contact Sen. Jeanne Shaheen’s office for assistance.

Community support is needed for an LCHIP grant, and the yard sale and donations from over 100 people has shown that. An official endorsement will be needed from the Board of Selectmen.

Securing a purchase and sales agreement is now needed and fund raising will begin again in the spring.

2nd N.H. TURNPIKE PROGRAM

The Historical Society program on Sept. 26 was enjoyed by about 15 people in spite of a problem with the projector, leaving Stephanie to show the pictures, a part she called “a lot of fun.”

The speaker, William McAuley, of the Francestown Heritage Museum, provided copies of the program for the library, Historical Society and Heritage Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

The next meeting was set for Friday, January 28, 2022, 7 p.m., at the library

The meeting adjourned at 8:05

Clerk