

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, January 28, 2022, Tarbell Library

Members present: Stephanie Roper, Robert Howe, Jessie Salisbury, Selectman Mark Chamberlain

SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a selection of documents, including the corporate by-laws, from the former Hadley Brothers Lumber Mill, located off Brandy Brook Road in the 1890s. The papers were a gift to the Historical Society and included railroad shipping forms.

An email was received from Dan Rothman of the New Boston Historical Society, asking about the 'Langdon Stearns house,' now Devir's at New Road and the Turnpike, the location of King's Paper Mill and a cemetery connected with it (both are in New Boston), but mostly about the origin of the name "Gougeville," which is historically associated with the Sand Hill section of Salisbury Road near the New Boston line. No one had an explanation.

The minutes of Oct. 29 were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Bob. There was no treasurer's report, and two intent-to-cut forms from December.

WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

The signs are on order, but no further word has been received. They cannot be installed before spring.

The only cemetery still lacking a sign is the West, or Dolliver, yard. The cemetery is accessed by an easement which is also a driveway, and not visible from Pettingill Hill Road.

There was a short discussion of the location of Schoolhouse No. 5, which was at one time near the cemetery. It was located in at least three places along Pettingill and Old Temple Roads before closing in 1921 with Florence Rideout as the last teacher.

Stephanie will research the cemetery for a sign and check with the Cemetery Trustees.

FOURTH GRADE VIDEO UPDATE

The video is now available on You Tube. An email from Michael Dell’Orto said the videographer, Kiril, has returned to New York from Europe and over the winter will divide the film into separate parts for each town’s website. Estimated cost to us is \$150, already approved.

Stephanie said she had mentioned the video to the N.H. Humanities Collaborative as an outreach to communities, an example of what can be done by towns or schools to get more people involved.

GIFT OF GLASS

Earlier this month, the Historical Society received the gift of hundreds of ‘Lightning’ canning jars, and other pieces made by the Lyndeborough Glass Factory, from Norman Reid of Meredith. Scott and Stephanie brought the collection to town. The glass is currently stored in the Town Hall and a new place needs to be found by spring. Some of the glass is termed “collectible” and will be placed on display, some in the town office cabinet, when it is warm enough to go through the collection.

Mark said back of the stage could be cleaned out, rearranged, and the boxes stored there.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

Stephanie said she has edited the chapters in an effort to bring the book down to 300 pages. Bob is still looking for stories from Vietnam veterans. The decision was made to not include a large number of pictures.

TOWN HALL AND CITIZENS’ HALL REPAIRS

Planned work was postponed last fall and is still on hold. Mark said the Grange history sign had come loose in a windstorm, but Leo will take care of that.

CHURCH PURCHASE

Stephanie reported the Histoprical Society Fund is up to about \$44,000 and a Purchase-and-Sales agreement will be executed soon.

GIS MAP PROJECT

The original plan was put on hold because of COVID. The mapping of cellar holes and stone culverts still needs to be done and Mark has talked with NRPC who do our mapping. The ideal solution would be to find a college student studying GIS to

take it on as a project. Each cellar hole has to be visited and the coordinates recorded.

OTHER BUSINESS

Members will think about other places in town where signs would be appropriate, including the Pinnacle House, but not at the actual site, perhaps on Pinnacle Road.

The next meeting will Feb.25, 2022, at the library.

Jessie Salisbury, secretary