

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, March 25, 2022, J.A. Tarbell Library

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

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

### SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had four F.B. Richards bottles, one of them Lyndeborough glass, part of the gift from Norman Reid of Meredith to the Historical Society. Richards had an essence and flavorings company from 1881 until after 1905. He purchased the business from Joseph Tarbell, donator of the library. The bottles will be displayed in Citizens' Hall upstairs.

Stephanie said the entire collection of "thousands of jars and bottles" was evaluated on March 18 by Mark Newton of Milford and another collector, who separated out all the Lyndeborough glass, valued at around \$2,000; another collection of "good pieces" which Newton purchased for \$400; plus the remainder which may have a buyer.

The gift also included two boxes of books, including an original Lyndeborough history, a history of the City of Keene, many books on bottle collecting, which will be offered to the library, and numerous newspaper clippings.

Jessie also had two photographs of the Johnson's Corner School, 1929-30 with names of students.

The minutes of Feb. 25 were accepted on a motion by Bob Rogers, seconded by Bob Howe.

The treasurer's report shows a balance on Jan. 30 of \$4221.96

There were no intent-to-cut forms.

### WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

An email was received from sign-maker Tim Kearns of Medford, NJ, asking how we wanted to take possession of the signs and suggesting shipping costs could be prohibitive.

Stephanie said she would be in that area on May 1 on her return from Florida and could stop. Lou considered driving down. Jessie will contact Kearns.

## TOWN HISTORY

No progress to report

## CHURCH PURCHASE

The Purchase and Sales agreement is about ready to be signed. There is currently about \$47,445 in the building fund. More aggressive fund raising will be undertaken. A yard sale will be held in May

Mark noted there is opposition to the town owning the building, which is to be expected of those with no connection to the church, or town traditions, and are new to town.

## COMMON

One goal is to get rid of the picket fence which is deteriorating.

Memorial bricks need to be ordered. Stephanie has the list and inquire if they are again being made.

Planters will be constructed around the welcome signs.

The space around the Woodward Monument will be cleaned, perennials planted, and Lou has offered to care for it.

## GIS PROJECT

Mark said he has not yet talked with NRPC

Stephanie said she has four students interested in working on the cultural landmarks in town which would include visiting sites, geo-locating, taking photos and doing research. Some of the sites suggested were Falconer's Mill, Hadley Mill, and the Eli Curtis Mill.

The two projects probably can't be combined.

Because of conflicts, the next meeting will be held on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Secretary