

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, June 24, 2022, Town (Center) Hall

Members present: Stephanie Roper, Louis Rota, Robert Rogers, Jessie Salisbury, Selectman Mark Chamberlain, and Building Inspector Leo Trudeau

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a Village Improvement Society cookbook from probably around 1940 plus a collection of local photographs and post cards including one of Milford's White Elephant Shop, fondly recalled by some.

The minutes of May 27 were approved on a motion by Mark and Bob Rogers. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on May 31 of \$4,223.12. There were 2 intent- to-cut forms.

REPAIR OF TOWN HALL FLOOR

Leo said the current plan is to not rush into anything. The building needs a lot of work and will require a comprehensive inspection. Do the work "one piece at a time." Gutters have been installed across the back and on the west side, a temporary solution, not using historic materials. We are waiting to see where the water runs. The Highway Department removed some of the ledge at the back and may remove more. The building can continue to be used. Grants will be looked into. When work is done, Leo said, "proper materials will be used and documented." Total cost of repairs and restoration could be over \$200,000, but work can be phased over several years.

STONE ARCH BRIDGES

McEntee Masonry was called but got no response. Jessie will look into stone bridge consultants currently being used in Wilton to see if they would be interested in doing an evaluation and at what cost.

The section of the Old Temple Road over the arches was originally planned as a park or picnic area but has not been maintained.

WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

No further word has been received from sign maker Tim Kearns of Medford. N.J. Jessie will contact the Wilton Historical Society and also Roberta Douglas, secretary of the Milford Historical Society, about what sign maker they use.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

Stephanie said she has almost completed the index, inserted pictures, shortened the text by over 60 pages to reach the desired goal of about 400. It still needs to be proofread. She said she has no North Lyndeborough pictures. Bob said he would look in his collection and would check with the Proctors. Completion date is later this summer.

CHURCH PURCHASE UPDATE

Stephanie said over \$50,000 has been raised. The latest version of the Purchase-and-Sales agreement has been sent to the church and she is waiting for a response. The agreement is needed to solicit larger donors. Over 100 people have donated to the purchase. About \$78,000 is needed to apply for an LCIP grant.

The Historical Society's annual meeting on June 18 drew over 20 people to a program on Lyndeborough glass, but no further donations.

COMMON/RAILROAD STATION FOUNDATION

Stephanie looked into flower garden borders offered at Lowe's, low metal fencing to be placed along the bricks and a few flowers planted. The picket fence, supplied years ago by Road Agent Kent Perry, has done its job of keeping cars and snowplows off the site, but is "ugly" and should be replaced. Leo said he had the preservative for the bricks, which will be weeded out.

GIS PROJECT

Stephanie said none of her students chose Lyndeborough to study. Mark said he has spoken with NRPC. They would like a copy of the cellar hole map. Mark will have a copy made.

SECURITY CAMERAS AT CITIZENS' HALL

The exterior cameras are needed, are not a structural change, and will be as inconspicuous as possible. Mark moved, Bob seconded, to call the improvements "maintenance" and therefore not under our jurisdiction.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The meeting will be held prior to the meeting of the Heritage Commission on July 29.

Leo said abutter Joe Rogers has asked him about installing a wind turbine. His property is not in the Historic District, but the Commission is an abutter and should take a position if the case comes to the Planning Board. It will be on the meeting's agenda. It was agreed that the plan would not be popular.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

The next meeting was set for Friday, July 29, 7 p.m., at the Town hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary

ADDENDUM

June 25 – Bob Rogers provided two North Lyndeborough pictures for the history – the North School and the Proctor Homestead