

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, May 1, 2020, Town Office. The meeting was held here to conform to the governor's meeting restrictions to combat COVID-19

Present: Stephanie Roper, Jessie Salisbury, Robert Howe, Selectman Mark Chamberlain, and Building Inspector Leo Trudeau.

Bob will be sworn in as a member when it is convenient.

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of Feb. 28 were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Stephanie. The statement lists a balance in our account of \$4,553.09. There were no intent-to-cut forms.

SHOW AND TELL

Mark brought a copy of "The History of the N.H. 16th Regiment" which Stephanie will compare to her records. Jessie had collection of pictures from the Milford Historical Society including a portrait of Cora Bishop and a view of a train on the old Gulf Trestle.

FOREST ROAD CEMETERY SIGN

The corrected sign was received from Ould Colony Artisans. The cost is \$104, half of which will be paid by the Cemetery Trustees. Road Agent Mark Chase will install the sign as the Trustees wish.

SOUTH CEMETERY SIGNS

These signs will be ordered when the wording has been decided for two signs – one on the bank below the Soldier's Monument, and the other, the cemetery history, will be installed at the preferred entrance.

CENTER HALL GARDENS

Bob and Jennifer Howe have volunteered to take over their care. Bob said they had begun the work by pulling vines from around the flagpole and raking the gardens around the hall. Those beds will be filled at the Howe's discretion. The Commission has funds to pay for flowers.

There is more clean-up work to be done.

Bob said the flag needs to be replaced. Walter Holland will be contacted.

Bob has also been named the official "Keeper of the Pound."

CELLAR HOLE MAP

Stephanie and Jessie will return to the project this summer and Bob said he would like to help. Another session or two should have all the current information on the base map.

Mark said he would like to see the map digitized and in GIS so that a map can be provided with an intent-to-cut form showing a logger what is on the property.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

The committee has been working remotely, exchanging chapters by e-mail to be read and edited. Stephanie has completed the Introduction, town officers, police and fire, and railroads. Jessie has worked on churches, the Post Office and schools. She is waiting for the history of Babes In School Land Pre-school from Fran Bujak.

They hope to have the first draft completed, chapters in order, and pictures selected by fall. They will be contacting publishers.

They are looking for a name for the history, something “catchy” that should include both the glass factory and the Artillery. The subtitle will be “A History of Lyndeborough, N.H.”

SALEM-CANADA PROGRAM

Because of the coronavirus, the Historical Society has postponed the program until September.

COMMON

The common will be readied for Memorial Day as usual, regardless of what ceremonies are held. Mark raked much of it in preparation for a special Vietnam Veterans’ Day in March. May 16 was chosen to plant flowers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark and Stephanie will build a planter around the Clark Pottery sign on May 9, weather permitting. They will use the stones taken from the common during the repair of damage done when underground electric wires were installed.

Leo Trudeau said he had measured the space for the Town Hall anteroom steps. Because there are four steps, he said, a handrail and newel post are required by code. Commission members had no objection although the original steps did not have a railing and were remembered as steep and

narrow. Leo will do the work when he can and “it will look like it’s always been there.”

Leo also said the Center Church bell cannot be touched until work is done on the cradle. The tower itself is fine. It was agreed a fundraising effort should be begun to restore the bell, but there has been little cooperation from the church and no one has offered to undertake the effort.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 29, 7 p.m., at the town office, or at the library if it is open.

Clerk

