

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, May 29, 2020, Town Office. The meeting was held here to conform to the governor's continuing meeting restrictions to combat COVID-19
Present: Stephanie Roper, Jessie Salisbury, Robert Howe, Selectman Mark Chamberlain

SHOW AND TELL

Stephanie brought a picture of the historic marker they recently installed at their home regarding the sawmill that was once there.

Jessie brought an old, worn, "Milkmaid's yoke," which Bob said was also used to collect sap. It will be given to the Historical Society

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The minutes of May 1 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Mark. The statement lists a balance in our account of \$4,451.16. Payment from the Cemetery Trustees for the Forest Road Cemetery sign had not been received on April 30.

FOREST ROAD CEMETERY SIGN AND DR. BARTLETT SIGN

Both signs are in place, and those projects completed.

The Forest Road Cemetery sign is on the newly repaired gate.

Dr. Bartlett's sign is on a post outside the cemetery wall. The entire plot has been cleared of brush and a flower placed by the stone.

Jessie provided pictures of both signs.

CLARK POTTERY SIGN

Stephanie and Mark constructed a fieldstone planter around it and flowers were planted. The landowner has agreed to care for the site. Jessie provided a picture. That project is now complete

SOUTH CEMETERY SIGNS

Stephanie will prepare a first draft for the two proposed signs, one for the Soldiers' Monument and the other for the entrance.

The next two cemetery signs will be Center and Johnson's Corner.

The West/Dolliver Cemetery was discussed. Access to it is over a private driveway. That sign is far down on the list.

Bob said it was not being treated properly.

RAILROAD FOUNDATION BRICKS

The need is to preserve them, keep people from driving over them, and to replace the current “unlovely” picket fence that protects the site. Stephanie suggested placing two benches. Jessie suggested “some type of flower garden” beside the row of bricks. Jessie will ask “Bud” McEntee if he recalls what he suggested as a preservative. The foundation is in the railroad right-of-way, but since only landscaping or removable items are proposed there should be no problem.

The various rights-of-way (town, state, and railroad) that surround the common were discussed. The town owns only a small triangle in the center by the flagpole.

Jessie provided a picture of the washout in a storm in April 2007 that exposed the old foundations for the first time in many years. They were reburied with the repair of the road except for the single line of bricks from the east end wall.

POSSIBLE EAGE SCOUT PROJECT

Word was received that a Lyndeborough Boy Scout is looking for a project and had been advised to call the Commission. Work on digitizing the cellar hole map was suggested, if he likes working with computers. Someone is needed to visit each site on the map. The map would benefit the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the issuing of intent-to-cut forms.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

Stephanie is working on business and organizations chapters and will begin agriculture. Scott is completing the roads chapter. Jessie is working on the history of Babes in School Land. A list of past and current businesses was discussed.

Stephanie spoke of the “Throttle Twister Ranch” which existed at Jerry Rand’s on Pettingill Hill Road between 1948 and 1950. Newspaper accounts say rallies drew between 1,000 and 1,500 riders, making it possibly the largest event in town history. Bob said he recalled the events. Stephanie said there should be a marker for the events.

OTHER BUSINESS

The posts on Lyndeborough Center sign are loose. Mark said he would mention it to the road agent.

Bob said the gardens in front of the town hall need work but are very shaded. He and Jennifer have weeded the gardens.

Mark said Selectman Fred Douglas is working on the Putnam Pond boat launch area and they will be getting a bronze plaque for a stone Fred has obtained. They will dedicate the area as a memorial to former Selectman Lee Mayhew at a future date.

The next meeting will be Friday, June 29, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk

