

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, August 28, 2020, Town Hall in the Center, held outside at the picnic table

Present: Stephanie Roper, Jessie Salisbury, Louis Rota and Selectman Mark Chamberlain. Also Jay and Carolyn Simpson, new owners of the Carl Wetherbee cottage who have expressed interest in becoming members. Lou was welcomed as a new member.

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.,
Show and Tell: Jessie had a series of photographs of the church bell showing its condition. She also had an invitation to the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilder in 1917, a gift of the Francestown Historical society. She described her search for information on the family and the house, which was apparently built by a Boardman in the mid-1800s and burned around 1930. The 1892 map shows the location of the house to the east of Warner Road.

The minutes of July 31 were accepted on a motion by Mark, seconded by Stephanie. The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$4,456. There were no intent-to-cut forms.

SALE OF THE CENTER CHURCH

Russ has met with the pastor, Paul Lemire, and discussed a price in the "\$100,000 to \$150,000 range." Stephanie said she and Scott had come up with a list of questions for the town attorney to address and the matter is now in his hands. He is determining the ownership of the building and the procedure the town can follow. She said the selectmen were in favor of securing the church to retain it as a public or community building and not having it go to a private buyer.

Jessie spoke with the UCC in Concord and they will assist in a transfer to a "recognized non-profit who will preserve the building." Fund raising will probably begin when a price is determined. Cost of the repair of the bell will be considered in the fund raising.

If a non-profit organization is required to assist in fund-raising, the Historical Society will be asked.

4TH GRADE HISTORY TOUR

The annual field trip has been cancelled by the virus. It has been suggested that each town make a series of short (five minute) videos of historic sites to be used in the classrooms. The idea was generally approved, and Jessie will meet with the teachers and the Wilton Heritage Commission to get more information.

CELLAR HOLE MAP

The money to have the sites located by GPS and the map digitized was appropriated but the work not done because of the virus. Mark will look into having the money continued to next year and somebody found to do the field work. Actual locations of sites could then be added to intent-to-cut forms.

TOWN HALL PROJECTS

Work was suspended by the virus. A clean up party will be held at the Town Hall to clear out the ante room and determine what is in the rooms on either side of the stage: 9 a.m., Saturday, September 5, weather permitting. Leo has not yet replaced the ante room steps.

LEE MAYHEW MEMORIAL

Mark said the family has approved the wording and the plaque has been ordered. The work is being done by Medlyn Monuments who will install it on the stone at the boat launch park.

CEMETERY SIGNS

The signs have been shipped but not yet received. They will be given to Mark Chase who will see to the installation. Ginny Chrisenten has said the Center Cemetery sign should be on the gate and has marked locations in the South Cemetery with flags.

TOWN HISTORY UPDATE

Stephanie said her work was sidetracked because of her concerns with the church sale. Jessie said she had some needed addresses and can now continue with the school chapter. The first draft is nearing completion.

COMMON REPORT AND UPDATE

Changes to the intersection of Glass Factory Road and Route 31 will include moving the Glass Factory sign. The Common Committee is hoping to continue placing memorial bricks but nothing will be done before spring.

The next meeting was set for Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., at the town hall. The 2021 budget will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.