

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

August 26, 2022, 7 p.m., Center Hall

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

### SHOW AND TELL

None presented. Jessie said she had received a collection of photos and other material associated with the construction of Cutter's Dam from Ruth Moynihan Black, but Leo currently has them.

The minutes of July 29 were approved on a motion by Bob Rogers, seconded by Mark

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$4,225.81 on July 30, 2022. This balance includes funds for the welcome signs.

One intent-to-cut has been received for the John Watt property on Purgatory Falls Road.

### REPAIR OF TOWN HALL FLOOR

The exterior work was completed by Wally Holt. Members viewed what was done. Some were not satisfied with the work and questioned the clapboarding.

Foundation stones are still loose. The rear addition is in need of work. More of the ledge behind the building should be removed. The gutter and downspout along the northern wall should be connected to the rear one.

Interior work will be done by members of the highway department during the winter.

### STONE ARCH BRIDGES

An email from Michael Weitzner of Thistle Stone Works in Brattleboro, Vt. states the cost of a complete inspection, recommendations, and report for both bridges would be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. However, a less extensive review would cost \$4,000.

Russ Boland has suggested the Commission request funds for next year's budget. It was decided to ask for \$6,000 for a complete evaluation of the two arches be added

to the operating budget. In the meantime, several fallen stones at the base of the larger arch will be looked at.

Research by Scott Roper determined the arches were constructed in 1873 by Alvaro Buttrick, who also built a dam and a mill at the same time upstream from the larger arch.

Scott said the arches are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. That idea will be pursued.

There was some discussion as to when the dam was removed, but no one could remember. It was at some point before the new bridge was constructed.

## WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

Jessie contacted both Andy Manveil in Nashua (suggested by the Wilton Historical Society) and Dan Hutchins at N.H. Signs. Hutchins replied that he is not equipped to construct signs of that size and Manveil did not reply. We will keep looking for a sign maker.

## TOWN HISTORY

The book is complete, and Stephanie will send it to a publisher next week. The dates “1735 – 2022” will be added to the cover. It was suggested that the binding be burgundy but that will be discussed with the printer. The final page count is 403.

## CHURCH PURCHASE

The Historical Society has signed a purchase-and-sales agreement with the United Church and has begun fund-raising again. Stephanie said some donations have been received following the mailing of the Society newsletter. The church will be open for tours during the Rose Mountain Rumble bicycle event on Aug. 27.

## COMMON/MEMORIAL BRICKS/RAILROAD STATION FOUNDATION

Stephanie said Karen Holland has the list of memorial bricks that have been ordered to be engraved, but that she has not yet received it.

It was agreed a time should be set with the Highway Department to place the new fencing around the bricks and along the ditch behind the monuments, later this fall when the Department is completing cemetery work. Stephanie will talk with Rick McQuade and then pick up the rest of the fencing.

## GIS PROJECT

Mark has not yet received the old cellar hole map.

Stephanie said Lyndeborough has been added to the Community College Town History Project and she has prepared a story map for an intern.

## ROSE MOUNTAIN RUMBLE

This is an annual collection of various length bicycle races around Rose Mountain sponsored by Piscaquog Land Trust. The Historical Society will have the church open from noon to 2 p.m. with a donation basket and history information available. Stephanie will also offer a walk-and-talk around the Center if anyone is interested.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting was set for Friday, September 30, 7 p.m., at Center Hall

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Secretary

Addendum: On Saturday, Aug. 27. Leo suggested contacting a new sign maker on Route 101 in West Wilton. That will be done.

Karen Holland said she has had a “computer access problem” and will provide the list as soon as she can.