

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Friday, July 28, Town (Center) Hall

Members present: Bob Rogers, Stephanie Roper, Lou Rota, Bob Howe, Jessie Salisbury, Selectman Mark Chamberlain

Also: Mary Lemire, member of the Historic District Commission

7 p.m.: Mary Lemire, a member of the United Church, said one of the shutters has fallen off and is stored upstairs in the church.

Leo Trudeau has said he would remove the shutters and put them in storage until they can be repaired. He will also look at the roof to see if anything needs addressing.

Mary said for him to go in and look and the church would pay for any needed shingles, that can be negotiated.

The Church has a Face Book page, and the Commission can pull up and copy any documents they would like or keep a digital copy. They have received a number of old documents from the American Baptist Convention in Lebanon which are posted on the site.

Stephanie has set up a Go Fund Me Page for donations to the church purchase, which Mary approved. That page has been linked to several others in towns. The building fund has reached about \$90,000.

The annual meeting of the Historic District Commission was set for Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., prior to the regular meeting of the Heritage Commission.

SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a copy of a picture of the Center Hall taken around 1950 with huge piles of snow, gift of Tom Schultz.

An ink well once used at the North School was given to the Historical Society by Elwin Bailey (1902-1969) with the aid of Dale Russell of Greenfield. An 1892 map shows the location of the school on Mountain Road near the corner of Warner Road.

The Baileys lived at the corner of Mountain and New Roads, a house formerly owned by Bob Rogers.

Jessie had pictures of the installation of the new fence on the common.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on June 30 of \$5,816. 60.

The minutes of June 30 were approved on a motion by Bob Rogers, seconded by Mark.

STONE ARCH BRIDGES

The report has been received, but any recommendations have not yet discussed by members.

The historic marker has been ordered.

THE TOWN CHARTER

It was agreed that it should be reframed using current techniques. Cost will be determined. Stephanie said acid-free materials were "probably used" in the 1970s but said UV glass needs to be used in order to prevent further fading of the ink.

WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

The signs will be installed on The Turnpike in mid-August.

The brush around the sign on Route 31 south needs to be trimmed.

VILLAGE COMMON

The metal fencing has been installed around the railroad station foundation thanks to the Highway Department. The fence behind the monuments was placed on the list of projects for next year.

The sign-maker will be asked if they make signs with pictures so as to include a picture of the railroad station on a sign to be placed on the fence.

The "So. Lyndeboro" sign placed by the Scenic Railroad is deteriorating and should be replaced. The sign-maker will be consulted.

Placement of memorial bricks is still on hold.

COMMUNITY DAY

Stephanie discussed a town-wide mailing with the town administrator and the Post Office, and in the end used the town stamp and first-class mail as the cheapest option. About 590 letters were mailed. Cost will be covered this year by the Heritage Commission and the Community Day line returned to the town budget for next year to cover mailing and a band.

Lou has lined up participants for both a farmers' and local crafts fair and a live band, "Pop Farmers Band". The new history will be offered for sale. Games and

crafts for children will be offered. There is no charge for participation but a donation will be suggested.

Participants include the Fire Department, Highway Department, Library, and Lafayette Artillery Company. Confirmation is still sought from the Police Department and Ambulance Service.

DAMAGE TO FRENCH ROAD

No update was received from the Highway Department.

TOWN HISTORY

The book is selling well. Eleven copies were sold at the book signing which drew several out-of-town buyers with local connections. It can be purchased at the Town Office, the library, from the authors, and will be available at Community Day

GIS PROJECT

No update.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Budget Committee met at the Town Hall. A comprehensive plan for restoration is being worked on. It was suggested that the town apply for an LCIP grant for restoration work.

The next meeting was set for Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., at the Center Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary