

## LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

Sept. 29, 2023, Center Hall, 7:30 p.m., following the annual meeting of the Historic District Commission

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

Also: Mary Lemire, Scott Roper, and Sally Curran

Stephanie opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of Aug.25 were approved on a motion by Bob Rogers, seconded by Mark.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,528. 89 on Aug. 31.

Bills were received from Stadium Graphics: welcome signs, \$1,030, and Arch Bridges sign, \$475, which have been paid by the town treasurer.

There were no intent-to-cut forms received. Bob Rogers asked if there was any way the selectmen could verify what was cut. Mark said, not at present.

### SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a newspaper article from 2010 and asked for verification as to what unidentified farm it pictures. It was agreed that it is the farm on the corner of Mountain and Crooked S Roads. The article will be put in the Old House Project file.

### REPAIRS TO CITIZENS' HALL

Bob Howe said the selectmen are hiring an engineer to do an evaluation of the building, following reports of problems with the foundation by Building Inspector Leo Trudeau. One problem appears to be a chimney which was partially removed during renovations in 1999-2000. The chimney above the second floor is still in place and the weight could be affecting the foundation.

Scott, a member of the renovations committee, said the chimney wasn't removed mostly because there was no money to do it, and because the building is on the National Historic Register. The chimney is part of the exterior historic integrity and has to remain, or a replica put in its place.

He said he was "always uncomfortable with what was done. My idea was to replace it with a fake."

A way to leave the upper part of the chimney in place was developed by Committee Member Phil Brooks.

The designation to the Register was necessary to be able to use the second floor without installing an elevator.

Stephanie agreed: we had no money so we “jerry-rigged over jerry-rigging.”

Mark said Phil Brooks should be asked to talk with the engineer, explain to him what was done. Lou said he would contact Phil.

It was agreed by consensus that the Commission is on record as approving hiring an engineer to evaluate the hall.

An LCHIP grant could be looked into to pay for some needed repairs at Center Hall, but that would require a match. Smaller Preservation Alliance grants for studies could also be looked into.

#### COMMUNITY DAY

It was agreed that the day went well, the music was appropriate, not too loud, and the event will be held next year on the same date – the Sunday in August after the annual Rose Mt. Rumble bike event, but later in the day and with dinner rather than lunch. Coffee will be available during set-up. There will be a baby animal zoo. Lou said the band, “Pop Farmers,” has agreed to return, and “some kind of family-friendly entertainment” is needed.

The Budget Committee will be asked for \$1,700 for next year: band, \$600; mailing, \$400; entertainment, \$600; incidentals, \$100.

#### STONE ARCH BRIDGES

The sign is in place.

Leo has agreed to make regular inspections.

The report suggests that some previous cement work at the base of the larger arch be examined by an engineer.

No action was taken.

#### THE TOWN CHARTER

Put on hold.

#### WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

Signs have been placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.H. Turnpike “and they look good.”

For next year – a sign is needed for the Dolliver Cemetery.

A sign is needed for the fence around the railroad foundation.

A fence is needed along the ditch beside the Common. It would match the fence around the station foundation.

Jessie will talk to Stadium Graphics about house signs. It was agreed that the town seal adds to the sign.

Stephanie will again inquire of Karen Holland about orders for memorial bricks.

#### TOWN HISTORY

Sales have now covered costs. They will be available at the upcoming Yard Sale.

#### GIS PROJECT

No report.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Lemire offered to work with somebody to set up a Historical Society web page. It was agreed that there needs to be better communication around town. Community Day is a step in that direction.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 26, at the library. Next year's budget will need to be finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary