

## HERITAGE COMMISSION

January 27, 2023, 7 p.m., J. A. Tarbell Library

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

### SHOW AND TELL

Jessie had a piece of a clay pipe, found under Citizens' Hall by a mold remediation crew and given to the Historical Society.

The minutes of Oct. 28, 2022, were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Bob.

Treasurer's report: balance on hand, Dec. 31, \$3,750.46

No Intent-to-cut forms were received.

### OLD RECORDS

Jessie said she had moved most of the Commissions' records to the town office for storage.

### DISPLAY CASES

The Historical Society has been given two display cases which are currently stored in the Center Hall.

The hall will be opened for a fund-raiser to aid resident Hunter Mills' family with medical expenses. At that time, the Highway Department will begin work on the repairing the floor, weather permitting.

### STONE ARCH BRIDGES/BUDGET REQUEST

Stephanie attended a Budget Committee review of the Commission's budget and the proposal to have an engineering study done of the stone arch bridges was not well received. The Committee declined to include the \$6,000 for the study in the operating budget, instead saying it had to be a warrant article, and were disinclined to support it there.

She pointed out that there is grant money for work on such bridges, but the study is required first.

The Commission agreed that most of the town's historical structures – glass factory, pottery, Pinnacle House, various mills – are gone with no trace. The

bridges are two of the oldest structures left and should be preserved. Double arch bridges are rare.

The company Jessie consulted, Thistlestone Works of Vermont, is considered one of the best in New England and has done work for the Town of Wilton. Dry stone construction is a “lost art.”

When the bridges were by-passed by the new bridge on Old Temple Road, the idea was to make a picnic area on the larger arch. Now that the area has been cleaned by the Highway Department, perhaps we should bring that up again, a use by the town.

A presentation with pictures, history, etc. will be prepared for Town Meeting. Placing a historic marker at the site was discussed.

#### WELCOME TO LYNDEBOROUGH SIGNS

The signs have been installed on Route 31 and Center Road to favorable comments by townspeople. Selectman Fred Douglas suggested they be covered by plexiglass to prevent vandalism. The idea will be considered in the spring. The wording on the bottom, referring to Salem-Canada, was said by some to be too small to read when driving past.

Two signs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.H. Turnpike will be ordered in the spring.

#### TOWN HISTORY

Stephanie said will be consulting with a colleague at the Community College about some technical aspects of getting it published.

#### CHURCH PURCHASE/YARD SALE

The Historical Society received a \$5,000 donation from John (Hoppy) Morrison and \$13,380 has been received so far in memorial donations for Clayton Brown, making the total raised \$79,648, over the half of the purchase price required to apply for an LCIP grant.

Another yard sale is planned for mid-May.

#### COMMON/MEMORIAL BRICKS

Discussion will be continued in the spring. The common is buried in snow.

#### GIS PROJECT

Mark will continue to consult with NRPC about digitizing the cellar hole map.

## MEMBERSHIP

We still need two alternates.

Bob Rogers will be the Planning Board representative.

The next meeting was set for Friday, February 24, 2023, at the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary