

## WAKEFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

December 5, 2012

**Members Present:** Pam Judge (Chairperson), Nancy Hall, Snooky Shea, Phil Twombly, Bill Judge (Alternate sitting in for Peter Brown), Valerie Ward (Alternate sitting in for Peter Kasprzyk)

**Members Not Present:** Craig Farley, Peter Brown (Vice Chairperson), Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative), Cory Fothergill (Alternate), Bob McChesney (Alternate)

**Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. After discussion Bill Judge made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup> as amended. Nancy Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Financial Statement:** There is no statement to review. There will be later this week. If a meeting needs to be called, Pam Judge will call a meeting to review the finances.

The amount of \$2,000.00 for professional services has accrued for work on the Historical Chapter of the Master Plan for the Town of Wakefield.

A Memorial Tile has been sold and \$92.00 of merchandise was sold at the Open House on Sunday.

**Correspondence:** Pam Judge sent the Selectmen a letter endorsing the purchase of the conservation land on behalf of the WHC.

Pam also sent a letter on behalf of the WHC to the Trails & Rails Action Committee in Brookfield to endorse the idea of having trails where the railroad ran from Sanbornville. She read the letter aloud.

The renewal for the membership to National Trust for Historic Preservation is due. Phil made a motion to continue the membership. Snooky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Newichawannock Proposal:** The proposals for the Newichawannock Canal and Bridge were due. Only one proposal came in. Pam read the proposal aloud. Richard Casella from Historic Documentation Company, Inc. has met with Pam before, he is going to work with Victoria Bunker, he came in below budget and he is knowledgeable of the Canal. After discussion Bill made the motion to accept Richard Casella's proposal. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Rails/Turntable Park:** At the last meeting WHC gave Bill Gaver permission to look into the fact that the State of NH wanted to take up the rails between Turntable Park and Route 16. Bill looked into it and reported back to Pam that the rails were scheduled to be removed. Pam and Bill created a presentation and met with Chief Chris Gamarch from the State of NH Bureau of Trails and Councilman Ray Burton along with Richard Mouser, Selectman Peter Kasprzyk and

Harriet Wilson. After a walk on the trail and the presentation, Chief Gamarch felt he would postpone removing the rail and give WHC a year to implement a plan. Pam read to the Commission a proposal for Turntable Park. After discussion Phil Twombly made a motion that the proposed plan for Turntable Park be accepted. Snooky Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pam will submit the proposal with a cover letter.

**Security System:** Peter Brown and Craig Farley have been working on getting quotes for a security system for the Union Station and the Freight House. A couple quotes have come in but after discussion the Commission decided to wait for Peter and Craig to present the quotes and discuss them in detail at a later date.

**Donations:** Pierre Lamy has donated books. Bill Judge has donated a rail hammer.

Because the HO Scale that is for sale has not sold, Bill and Nancy Gaver have made an offer of \$600.00 if the WHC will donate the HO Scale display to a Nursing Home. After discussion Phil made a motion to accept the offer and donate the HO Scale display to a Nursing Home. Bill Judge seconded the motion. Motion passed. Valerie Ward and Pam Judge will get letters out to local Nursing Homes.

**Christmas Open House:** Many Commission members have received positive comments. Pam Judge thanked all the Commission members that helped make the Open House such a great success. A thank you note will be sent to Jim Miller and Lance MacLean for supplying the music.

**Freight House:** The framework for the HO Scale display will start on Friday. Phil has primed and painted all the molding. Phil spoke about a display for the 12 School Districts that once existed throughout Wakefield and Pam discussed a natural resource display starting with Great East Lake. Pam also wanted to acknowledge Bill Judge and Phil Twombly for the sign they created for the scales. She told them their work was wonderful and has saved the WHC a lot of money.

**Blacksmith Shop:** Bob McChesney was not present to discuss the Blacksmith Shop but Pam reported that the electricity has been installed but PSNH has not been there to hook it up because most of their crews have gone to NYC to help out with hurricane Sandy victims.

**Master Plan:** There is a meeting planned for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Peter Brown has reported the rules and regulations for the Wakefield Historic District have been sent to the Town Planner, Mike Garrepy.

**Newsletter:** After discussion it was decided the next newsletter will be due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Dates have been set for April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> for the newsletters of 2013.

**Other:** Pam Judge has looked into the actual addresses of the Union Station, the Freight House and the Blacksmith Shop. The Union Station has an address of 1 Chapel Street. The Freight House and Blacksmith Shop have no addresses but can get one with a fee of \$45.00. Pam suggested we wait until January to encore that amount of money.

Pam also looked into a membership to the Mass Bay Railroad Enthusiast. There is no group membership but individuals can become members. Anyone can advertise in their newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Ward, Secretary