

WAKEFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

February 1, 2012

Members Present: Peter Brown (Vice-Chairperson), Phil Twombly, Rod Cools, Snooky Shea, Nancy Hall, Valerie Ward (Alternate)

Members Not Present: Pam Judge (Chairperson), Craig Farley (Alternate), Kelly Shea (Alternate), Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative)

The meeting opened at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financials: Peter Brown reviewed the financial reports from the Finance Clerk. \$16,279.74 in the Cash Fund aka Fund 4. The Finance Clerk wants to clarify about the \$566.00 in question. It may be \$566.00 less because of a previous accounting mistake. A Treasurer's Warrant was passed around and signed.

Correspondence: Peter Brown passed around the Warrant Articles for the Town Deliberative Session this Saturday, February 4th.

Membership Renewal for the National Trust Historical Preservation was discussed. Nancy Hall made a motion to continue this membership. Rod Cools seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7:00 pm Thursday will be the Planning Board Meeting and being discussed is the Capital Improvement Plan for the Town. WHC has asked for funds for the fence and paving at the station. All members are asked to attend the Planning Board Meeting to represent WHC.

An e-mail from "State House Activity Heating Up" described how the State of NH is looking to make some cuts from the budget and are seriously considering abolishing the Department of Cultural Resources. After discussion Rod Cools made a motion to have the secretary write a letter from WHC to both, Rep. Joe Fleck and Rep. Dino Scala to express our concern. Phil Twombly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Newsletter: The newsletter was created and sent out in January. Valerie Ward reported many bounced back to her in e-mail but was resent. Peter Brown reported he forwarded it on to his contacts. Rod Cools mentioned the Wakefield Chamber of Commerce will be creating a new website and this newsletter will be able to be linked in to the new website. Valerie Ward reported that she has attempted to make contact a few times with Lona Black's granddaughter, who offered to help with WHC website, but has received no response. This is still something Valerie would like to accomplish.

Capital Campaign Letter: Peter Brown reported the he and Pam Judge worked on a letter asking for donations. Peter has contacted Independent Color Press and the Town of Wakefield

for the printing of envelopes and letters. Peter reported the pricing of letters and envelopes. After discussion, Rod Cools made a motion to spend \$438.00 on 1000 letters and return envelopes. Phil Twombly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Freight House: The quote for insulating everything but the floor is \$3230.00 and the cost of the floor is \$838.00. It was determined that $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood would need to be purchased for the insulation of the floor. After discussion, Phil Twombly made a motion to spend \$3230.00 on the insulation. Rod Cools seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After discussion, Phil Twombly made a motion to allocate up to \$1,000.00 to be spent as Bill Gaver needs it to create the HO Railroad Display. Rod Cools seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Peter Brown met with Bill Gaver earlier in the week. Bill has noted an extra foot may be needed for the display to round out the edges. Peter had a diagram to show the Commission. After discussion, it was a consensus of the Commission to allow the extra foot necessary.

It was initially decided to build the HO Railroad Display to be of the same time era. As Bill Gaver has done his research he has discovered the Burleyville Station and Davis House burned in September 1909, Sanbornville Round House burned in 1911 but the current Union Station was not built until 1912. After discussion it was decided to build everything but the Union Station as it was before the fire of 1909. It was decided to build the Union Station as the current building even though it is not historically correct. It was the consensus of the Commission that most folks would rather see what they see today instead of the original smaller station.

Drew Mill: Phil Twombly reported on the Drew Mill and Building. The cleanup is just starting; the gate to the dam needs to be cleaned out. They would like to get the wood furnace started soon.

Master Plan Update: There were writings sent to Liz Durfee Hengren for review. She reviewed them quickly and has sent them back for some changes. Those that have written will make changes and they will be sent to Mike Garrepy for word smithing.

Deliberative Session: Town of Wakefield Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Every member is encouraged to attend. Peter Brown will speak about the funding that is necessary for WHC such as the hours for the Town Planner.

Canal/Newichawannock Bridge: Peter Brown reported that it was decided by the "Save Our Canal" Committee to apply for a grant to get the canal on the National Register.

Minutes: Peter Brown reviewed changes to minutes of January. Rod Cools made a motion to accept the minutes of January 4th with amendments. Phil Twombly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other: Bristol S-gauge Model Railroad Club June 23rd – may want to join us for Open House at the Union Railroad Station.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Ward, Secretary