

## **WAKEFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**November 7, 2012**

**Members Present:** Pam Judge (Chairperson), Peter Brown (Vice-Chairperson), Phil Twombly, Snooky Shea, Craig Farley, Bill Judge (Alternate sitting in for Nancy Hall), Valerie Ward (Alternate), Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative)

**Members Not Present:** Nancy Hall, Cory Fothergill (Alternate)

**Guests:** Bill Gaver, Bob McChesney, Dave Mankus

**Minutes:** Phil Twombly made a motion to accept the minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill Judge seconded the motion. Motion passed. Craig Farley made a motion to accept the minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup>. Phil Twombly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Financials:** A warrant was passed around for signatures. There is 28% of the 2012 budget left. A purchase of oil for the Station was discussed. Fund 4 has \$10,448.69 per un-audited bank balance. Pam Judge went before the Budget Committee and presented the budget for next year. Discussed the security system for the Railroad Station and Freight House will be presented on a warrant article.

**Correspondence:** Jordan Dansereau has invited the WHC to his Eagle Scout ceremony for Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at St. Anthony's Church. He has completed a park at sawmill bridge. After discussion Peter Brown proposed that Pam Judge create a letter to Jordan from the WHC congratulating him. Jordan may have raised enough money for the sign as well.

A flyer was received from the Susan B. Anthony birthplace museum.

**CLG Bid:** A request for a bid for nominating the Newichawannock Canal to the National Register is now in the newspaper.

**Bill Gaver:** Bill came to the Commission to suggest membership for the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts. He presented parts of a 37 page newsletter and a membership application. After discussion Peter Brown suggested we look into joining as a group if possible.

Peter Kasprzyk mentioned that Ernie Brown came to the Selectmen and told them that NH State would like the rail that runs from Route 16 to Turntable Park to be removed. The WHC supports TRAC, but want the rails to stay there as a part of history of Wakefield. Bill Gaver will look into this further and report back to Pam.

**Freight House:** Phil Twombly reported that the painting of the walls is done in the Freight House except for what needs to be done by the artist. It was confirmed that Lee Gridley from

Ossipee will be donating the painting of the sky background. Bill Judge reported that the trim and ledger board are anchored to the wall so the artist will know exactly where to paint. Bill Gaver is donating the legs needed for the table layout. Bill Gaver also announced that there is a buyer for the donated train layout but he only wants certain pieces. Bill suggested it get sold as a set. Bill Gaver reported on the progress of the models of buildings that have been assembled and the ones that will need to be assembled.

The address of the Freight House was discussed. Pam will check with the assessor's office.

Bill Judge finished the scale and grain bags and blueberry boxes have been located which will be used as displays.

**Wakefield Historic District:** At the October meeting the final proposed rules were agreed on. Peter Brown has sent this to Mike Garrepy for review.

**Master Plan:** Pam announced there are two planned meetings for the Master Plan. One meeting will be in November sometime and another will be December 6<sup>th</sup> with Liz Durfee Hengen.

**Nason Land:** Pam asked that the WHC reconsider their decision regarding the donation of the Nason land as new information is now available. Pam reported she has had conversations with Selectman Kasprzyk, Conservation Chair Mankus and Judy Nason. Pam went through the details. Dave Mankus from the Conservation Commission mentioned they have funds if needed for deed research and survey. After discussion it was decided to investigate further. The Conservation Commission will also discuss if they agree.

**Union Meadow:** The Conservation Commission is proposing that the Town purchase 121.5 acres at the Union Meadows. The Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The CC has asked for a letter support from WHC. Peter Brown made the motion to direct the Chairman to write a letter to the Selectmen to support this cause. Snooky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Cheever Donation:** Don Cheever donated different railroad items including a rail drill, rail jacks, tamper bar and more. Phil Twombly has these items at his house and is going to create an exhibit inside the Station.

**Security System:** Peter Brown and Craig Farley will meet with three different security companies and get bids on a security system for both the Railroad Station and the Freight House. A warrant will need to be written by December.

**Blacksmith Shop:** The deed to the Blacksmith Shop has been received. Bob McChesney presented a historically correct proposed floor plan. This will be a rehabilitation of the building not a restoration. Everything will be up to code. Craig Farley has spoken with PSNH and Don Silcocks offered a bid on the job well below what the work would be worth. Peter Brown made a motion to expend \$575.00 for the electric work on Blacksmith Shop. Bill Judge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Drew Mill:** The NH Preservation Alliance has announced the Drew Mill Building as one of the “Seven to Save”.

**Christmas Open House:** The open house is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm at the Railroad Station. A program needs to be created. Valerie Ward, Phil Twombly, Peter Brown, Bill Judge and Cindy Farley will work on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Ward, Secretary