

WAKEFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

October 3, 2012

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

Members Not Present: Phil Twombly, Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative) Cory Fothergill (Alternate)

Financials: Fund 4 there is \$10,391.33 currently but \$2042.00 has not been paid yet. Fund 1 we are over on the utilities line everything else is fine. A warrant was passed around for signatures. The Fall Festival for the UVCA we took in \$127.00. The soccer tournament we netted \$352.39 and have been asked to provide food again at the soccer tournament on October 13th. Nancy Hall and Cindy Farley will provide cookies.

Correspondence: Congressman Frank Guinta has sent WHC a letter congratulating us on the award we received from NH Preservation Alliance.

Jessica Felix ???

NH Preservation Alliance is letting us know it is time to pay our dues.

Richard House, the Chairperson for the UVCA has sent a letter thanking the WHC for the support for the UVCA Fall Festival.

Budget: The proposed budget for the next year has been presented to the Board of Selectmen this afternoon. Pam reported it is actually less than last years proposed budget. It was suggested that WHC put together a warrant article to ask for funding for a security system for the train station and freight house. Craig Farley and Peter Brown have volunteered to get some proposals for a security system on behalf of the WHC.

Town Hall Sign: Ed Morrison has spoken to Pam Judge and has now decided they are not going to ask for a commercial sign to be in front of the Town Hall. As a building on the historic register this is something the WHC is opposed to. Ed reported that Paul Winkler and he will be doing something with the sign in front of Parks and Rec instead.

Donations: Roger Robar from Conway Scenic Railroad has donated documents from the Burleyville Station. These were passed around. Pam has sent a thank you note.

Craig Evans has donated a 1950 HO scale train set for us to sell and use the money as we need. A listing sheet has been created by Bill Gaver and this has been passed out to many clubs and will be in our newsletter. The bids will close on October 31st at 3pm.

Train Station: Our next meeting will be at the Town Hall. After discussion it was decided to have a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:30 at the Station. After that the building will be winterized in order to save on the budget.

Switch: Cory Fothergill and Phil Twombly will be meeting about receiving a switch from the Conway Railway.

Freight House: Craig Farley reported that the insulation will be installed Friday or Monday for the underneath of the Freight House. Bill Judge reported on the floor and the progress being made in the work room. He also reported about the Fairbanks Scale that is in the Freight House and we decided the story should go into the next newsletter.

After discussion on the heat system it was decided to put a small propane heater in the Freight House so work can continue into the next few months. As donations come in we may be able to install the heat system before the spring.

Blacksmith Shop: The deed has been signed. On October 10th the Board of Selectmen will sign an acknowledgement. Any Commission members are encouraged to go. Bob McChesney has a wonderful collection of blacksmith materials from an old blacksmith shop in Sanbornville and he is ready to get started on this project.

Tourist Sign: To have two signs on the highway from the State it would cost \$300.00 for each sign the first year. Then it is \$10.00/year for each sign. We can have 3 items on one sign; the Station, the Welcome Centre and the Blacksmith Shop.

Newsletter: A newsletter will be going out this month. A discussion was had on what will go into the newsletter. Please get items to Valerie by October 15th.

Master Plan: Next week Pam hopes to get the group from the Master Plan back to work. We will need to work with Mike Garrepy's schedule.

Wakefield Historic District: Peter Brown will be calling another meeting for this subcommittee. An idea on the signage was discussed.

Other: Judy Nason has called Pam and told her that there is a piece of land owned by her in-laws near the office of Assets Realty Group. Judy wanted to know if the WHC would be interested in it as a donation because of the Mill Sites or should she offer it to Wakefield Conservation. After discussion it was decided to offer it to Wakefield Conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.