

September 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7PM

Members present: Nancy Hall, Craig Farley, Snooky Shea, Peter Brown, Phil Twombly, Pater Kasprzyk, Pam Judge and Bill Judge, alternate.

Minutes of 8/11 were reviewed, motioned for acceptance by Nancy and seconded by Craig. Unanimous. Placed on file.

Financials: Reports were received late today. Pam has questions, will review with the bookkeeper and present at next meeting.

Fund I has 42.6% remaining. Discussed utilities line as it is over already. Being a bottom-line budget, this will have to be made up elsewhere in Fund 1.

Members approved and signed the warrant to pay the current bills as presented.

Notification has been received that the blacksmith shop will be deeded to us soon.

Registration for the NEMA conference is due. No one will be attending this year.

The Commission was advised that the easement for the Old Maid's Tavern will not be conveyed as the owner of the property has changed his mind at this time. Atty has been notified as well as Town Admin.

Donations received this month:

RR lantern and regulations book: . Early rail switch and lantern complete set: Bill Judge; flat screen TV: anonymous; DVD player: Bill Judge; safety lantern: 4x10 HO RR layout complete: John Dulude;

On loan by Gene Kelly: HO replica of ice houses etc. as seen on Lovell Lake in 1880 to 1930

Bill explained the HO layout and that the controls are what we need but most everything else is saleable.

Bill Gaver will replace the controls with an older set he has. Pam asked for a vote to allow Bill Gaver to market the sale of the layout so we can use the proceeds for our 1909 HO display. Peter motioned and it was voted unanimously to allow him to market.

Bill Judge explained the opinion of the subcommittee regarding the swap with Conway Scenic Railroad. They feel we should trade our switch and rails as required with them, Conway Scenic will replace with their worn switch and rails. This should be fine for us as all we want to do is show an operating "switch" and no moving trains would be involved. Conway Scenic will also give us some RR signage for our museum. Peter Brown motioned, Craig seconded, vote was unanimous. Bill also mentioned we might be able to get freight car and flat car from state as have offered to Conway Scenic. Pam should look into this.

Volunteers to man the Museum for the rest of the season were recruited. Changing hours was discussed and all felt this should wait until next year.

Pam attended an Open House at Paul school, met the new Superintendent, Principal, Vice Principal and new program Director. She discussed conducting educational programs for the students. This was well received.

Pam attended the NH Preservation Alliance program in Wolfeboro on Brewster Hall and the Town Hall. Jim Garvin spoke on the building and similar ones. Wakefield was mentioned several times in the program.

Pam and Teresa Williams attended a public meeting in Acton to present and update them with the current status of the Newichawannock Canal.

Bill and Pam cleaned out much of the unsold items at the Grange. Phil removed part of the center "table" and made a 10ft portable table that we used at Heritage Day. The Agriculture Commission has been given the use of the building twice for their meetings.

The success of Heritage Day was discussed as well as a letter of appreciation that was received from Pat and Marshall Fox.

Craig, Phil and Bill each gave updates on the Freight House project. The work room is nearly finished, the door has been received and will be installed this coming Sunday. Phil motioned and Craig seconded to authorize the purchase of the rest of the material needed to finish the upper walls in the work room. This passed by unanimous vote. It was decided to prioritize the rest of our plans after Pam has determined our Fund 4 balance. Pam noted that Phil and Bill have been purchasing considerable materials personally to keep the project going. Bill and Phil discussed the use of the southern yellow pine (120+ yrs. old) as Phil had replaced the worn sections of the floor. Bill planed a piece to show the lovely grain. Pam suggested that Craig, Peter B, Phil, Snooky and Bill form a group to make saleable items from this wood. They all agreed and will be considering the various items possible.

Fall Festival will be held in Union on September 15. The Commission voted to allow them to use Heritage Park and the Freight House as well as to place a sandwich board sign on the property. The Commission will extend their hours for that day. Craig, Phil, Bill, Snooky, Pam and Cindy Farley will help that day. We will have a food booth similar to what we did on Heritage day. It was noted that the sausage subs were a big success.

Pam and Peter B. discussed completing the Historic and Cultural chapter of the Master Plan and the proposed changes in regs for the Historic district.

The Commission's budget for next year was discussed. All numbers except the secretary line and the utilities line were recommended for presentation by Pam to the Town Administrator. Peter B. will get more info from the proposed heat vendor for the Freight House so she can finalize that line as well.

Secretary Pro Tem

