

Wakefield Heritage Commission

July 6, 2016

Meeting opened at 7PM

Present: Nancy Hall, Snooky Shea, Phil Twombly, Connie Twombly, Peter Brown, Pam Wiggin and alternates Bob McChesney and Annette . Visitor Nate Fogg

Minutes of last meeting were approved as presented.

Financials were presented and signed to be paid.

Nate Fogg spoke on behalf of the First Congregational Church of Wakefield. He had 4 items to discuss. 1. Church is interested in replacing the picket fence at the back of the lot separating the Church and Spencer Smith property. He presented pictures of the fence that had been there and removed several years ago due to disrepair. The granite posts are still in place. Peter remembers when the fence was built after the fire and that the fence matched the one on his side of the Church. Nate said it would be made of wood and duplicate Peter's fence. Peter also informed Nate that Bob McChesney could make the iron hangers at our Blacksmith Shop if needed. Pam noted that the Wakefield Library had been granted permission to reconstruct their fence recently without a hearing as the same style and size fence was being built.

Although the Church's fence no longer exists, pictures were presented that showed it and the granite posts are still there. Connie motioned that the situation is similar and Nancy seconded that. After discussion, the Commission voted there is no need to have a formal public hearing as long as the fence duplicates the one on Peter's side. Motion made by Peter, seconded by Connie. 2. Nate then discussed replacement of the existing Church sign. Pam said the WHC has no regulation over signs. 3. Nate said the Church is discussing the possible addition of solar panels on the roof of the south side of the Church. Peter thought research should be continued as this might be a good alternative electric source. Pam said it would definitely have visual impact on the Village as the Church is the most imposing structure and they would be visible from all directions except travelling south on Wakefield Road. Several thought the Planning Board should present an ordinance for the Town. Nate said it was being discussed. 4. Colleen from the Wakefield Inn had spoken to him about her concerns regarding the reconstruction of the sidewalk in the Village. Peter reviewed the process that has been on going and that Colin of Strafford Regional Planning Commission will be meeting on site here sometime this week to review and discuss funding process etc. Peter met a few weeks ago with the Chief of Police and a DOT official to view the site. It was noted there is a severe safety issue with walking traffic. They are discussing the sidewalk reconstruction to go from Hayes office to Gregg's (old Fogelin house). They are now contemplating having the crosswalk extend from the handicap sidewalk at the Church to the front of the Tripp House. Peter also noted at this time that one of the last

remaining elm trees, in front of Dr. Bozuwa's, had lost another large limb and may have to be removed. Its roots are under part of the existing sidewalk.

Heritage Commission website- Bob McChesney, our volunteer webmaster, presented the new website he was working on. Everyone thought it was an improvement as more pages can be created. Bob wants to change the web address from Historic WakefieldNH.com. Pam was very concerned as the existing name has been used for many years and still exists in published material as well as she believes tourists/public searching for historic sites to visit would google with the word "historic" not Wakefield if they did not know we had historic sites to visit. Bob assured everyone that the old name would still be used as well for those searching. Possibly a sub-committee should be formed to help Bob with the data on the additional pages. Bob was thanked for his work and was told to go forward with the site.

Phil and Annette discussed the visitors in Union on the opening weekend. Nancy said she would open the Heritage Centre at Wakefield Corner on Saturday.

Bob reported the B&M water tower is now in Union, the move is complete and Phil, Rick and Bob will be working on the reconstruction readying the tower to be erected. Pam said she has submitted the building permit application. It is hoped that the tower will be in place for an August 20 dedication.

Nancy, Annette and Pam have met to decide on the new t-shirt order. Bob showed how it might look with the tower and the station as the logo. Connie suggested that the existing proposal looks like the station and the tracks are not "related". Bob said he can correct that. Pam said this is a proposal for the Collins Sports to work with and not necessarily the final. Pam was not able to submit the order as the store is closed til July 12.

Snooky asked about the painting of the Spinney Meeting House. Pam said she has one proposal. Snooky will speak with another painter so we can get a second bid. We also need another bid for the Grange Building but was agreed that painting the Meeting House is critical and should be the priority.

The 2017 proposed budget was discussed but could not be finalized as we need costs for additional repairs at the Old Town Hall and the question regarding adding "our" mowing sites to the Parks & Rec Dept.s budget. Connie proposed that the painting our buildings should be in the budget so we need a quote for that. It was agreed to add \$1600 for internet at the Freight House and \$1000 to the advertising budget for additional costs we anticipate. Phil wondered about adding the bathroom here in the Centre. It was decided to wait on that. An additional meeting will be held Wed. July 13 at 7Pm to finalize the budget and the t-shirt order.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41.

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In attendance: Pam Wiggin, Peter Brown, Connie Twombly, Philip Twombly, Annette Perry, Snooky Shea, Bob McChesney, Nancy Hall and Helen Watkins

Pam read the proposal to restore the plow car. Discussion followed. Peter motioned to table until an estimated cost of materials was submitted. Bob stated he would cap the materials cost at \$1500.00, making the total cost \$5100.00. Peter then motioned to table until the water tower is completed and the bills have been paid. Snooky seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Pam reported that the cost of 150 tee shirts, including screen set up, would be approximately \$1300.00. She reported that Annette, Nancy, and herself choose the colors of gray, blue, white and light green in small, medium, large and 2 tall as well as 2 extra large. Peter Brown motioned to spend up to \$1300.00 for 150 tee shirts. Connie Twombly seconded. Vote unanimous.

Bob reported that the quote for the repair of the corner post at the Town Hall was \$1500.00. Discussion followed. All members unanimously agreed to submit the quote of \$1500.00 for repair of the corner post for next years budget.

Painting of Spinney Meeting House was discussed. It was noted that Jimmy will give the Heritage Commission a quote soon. The plan is to complete the painting by this Fall.

The warrant for payment of present invoices was signed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.