

## HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Patricia Golden; David Proctor; Bill Nelson; and Fred Cann.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Marilou MacLean. Marilou welcomed Fred to the meeting as a casual observer, and expressed the hope that he would attend in the future and want to become a member.

Patricia moved to accept the minutes of October 9, 2013; Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marilou moved to recommend Harriet and Patricia for renewal as Heritage Commission members; Dave seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 2 - 0 with Harriet and Patricia abstaining. Harriet nominated Marilou to continue as chairman; Patricia seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3 - 0, with Marilou abstaining. Marilou nominated Harriet to continue as recording secretary; Patricia seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3 - 0 with Harriet abstaining.

Dave has submitted his resignation from the Commission because of time constraints. He will still be available to help out with events, and will make available any items we may have forgotten for Old Home Day from his home. The resignation was accepted with regret, to become effective at the end of the meeting. Susan Raban has requested a leave of absence for health reasons. That request was also accepted.

Marilou pointed out that we need new members. She will contact a couple folks who might be interested; Patricia and Bill have additional suggestions and they will contact those people.

We are still looking for a person to present a genealogical workshop. Patricia will be in touch with her contact to see if that person would be interested. We are thinking of a Saturday morning workshop with details for beginning researchers, to be held in June or July.

Marilou gave an update on the status of the Churchill Schoolhouse.

1. The upper part of the chimney collapsed when the ceiling was removed. Those bricks are now in the shed, and Marilou suggested a "buy a brick" campaign for a fundraiser. The bricks would be cleaned and stenciled with the name of the school and its dates of operation. Local venues would be asked to have them available for sale.

2. The safe has been removed and is also in the shed. It was apparently not possible to remove it without cutting off the door - this can be re-welded when a permanent location is found.
3. Marilou is working on a grant for windows
4. We will need at least two more old style school ceiling lights, and hope to have similar lights for the bathrooms and storage areas.
5. The old beams will be exposed when the ceiling is complete.

The Commission went on a brief field trip to the Schoolhouse; it now awaits plumbing and wiring before the walls can be installed.

Marilou discussed the possible Veterans Memorial. We need to develop criteria for inclusion and then veterans will be identified. The plan is to list all Brookfield veterans from the Revolution to the present. We will check with the Wakefield/Brookfield Historical Society to see if they have lists which might mention the Towns of the veterans. Patricia reported that they may have document boxes with soldier information.

Harriet described a flyer she had received for the Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Historical Society, which includes presentations on Paul Revere's message warning NH residents of the British plan to reinforce the garrison at Fort William & Mary in New Castle, and a visit with Rachel Revere (Paul's wife). Harriet and Marilou will attend; Patricia may also go. The meeting is free to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson