

## **HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, 8 October 2014**

Prior to the meeting, the group visited the Churchill School House. Marilou reported that the books from the School House are all locked in the former Town Clerk's office.

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Brian Robischeau; and Patricia Golden.

We were called to order at 7:15 pm by Marilou. Patricia moved to accept the minutes of August 16, 2014; Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Buy-A-Brick Fundraiser:**

This fundraiser will be postponed until late spring, with planning to begin in early spring. The bricks are currently in storage.

### **Genealogy Workshop:**

The workshop went well, with about 9 participants. The presenter, Marianne Marcussen worked with Craig Evans for an excellent presentation. Thanks to Patty for facilitating the workshop.

### **School House handicapped bathroom:**

Marilou will prepare a report for the Meredith Village Savings Bank thanking them for the grant to put in the handicapped bathroom. She will also do a letter/article for the Granite State News.

### **Veterans' Memorial:**

Brian will pick some items from Ron Fountain's supply for the silent auction. He will also ask Dr Marsh (Town Moderator) if auction items can be displayed at the Town Offices on voting day, November 4, and if a donation jar for the Memorial can be in the Offices on voting day. We will plan to place two pieces in each of several local venues including Gafney Library, with pictures of the other items available, and have bid sheets available at each venue.

The auction will close at the Veteran's Day Dinner on November 8, at which point the winners would be announced.

**Veteran's Day Dinner:**

Posters will be out shortly for the dinner on November 8. The set up will be the same as last year; we should meet to do that at 4:00 pm. We will have the same musicians. The Mason jar vases have been found! We will use them for this dinner.

**Old Home Day:**

Turn out was excellent. The picnic tables outside were quite successful and we will do that again. In the future we will serve only pork and chicken; beef is getting too expensive (it was \$200 more than last year). Next year the band will be able to use the stage, which will make more room for serving along the wall nearest the Office Building. There was a good variety of desserts (2 cakes left over).

Next year we will need to start the flower arranging earlier. Otherwise, the set up and clean up went well with lots of help. Handmade thank you notes were sent to Sandra Byrne, Dave Proctor, Ron Prior, John & Lynn Shaffer, Pat Fox, Rick Surette (and crew), Kristin (Sue Raban's daughter), Rich & Rose Zacher, Steve Michalsky, Patty Golden, Brian, Hayden, & Jessica Robischeau, Lance MacLean (and the band), Tumbledown Farms, Ed Comeau, Geary Ciccaroni, Judy Brenner, & Craig Evans.

**Churchill School House, next steps:**

The books (currently in the former Town Clerk's office) need to be sorted, and the most valuable put in archival boxes. Harriet asked that one of the hymnals donated by the First Congregational Church of Wakefield be returned to the church of its archives - Patty supported the request. Some books will be selected from the library, meeting house, and school collections to be put on display along with some of the artifacts. Marilou hopes to have rotating exhibits.

Ceiling lights similar to those in the Town Office Building have been purchased and will be installed shortly.

**Town House Preservation:**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 pm with the Selectmen and the Heritage Commission. We will hear a presentation from Peter Michaud of the NH Division of Historical Resource; he is the NH representative for the National Register of Historic Places.

We adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson