

## HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 19 September 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 7:05 pm. Also present were Harriet Wilson, Brian Robischeau, and Bob & Karen Servacek. The minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2018, were approved by a vote of 3 - 0.

Marilou reported that the gross income from the Town BBQ dinner this year was \$973.50. The meat cost \$376.73, the bill from McKenzie's was \$95.39 (corn and tomatoes). There were 63 tickets sold. The current balance in the Heritage Commission account is \$3,339.12. We agreed that everything went well except for the low attendance. Brian suggested having the dinner in September to avoid the heat and the competition from other events in the area. Marilou hopes to have an ice cream social in the summer as part of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration; she will check with Rick Surette about moving the dinner to September.

The Veteran's Day pot-luck dinner will be Saturday, November 10. Marilou is going to ask Harold Chamberlain to speak or to refer someone who might be interested in speaking.

Marilou is still trying to get Rick Poole to do a walk-around at the Town House to prioritize projects. While it is too late to paint this year, it may be possible to do some window work.

Harriet presented Marilou with a copy of Betty Seibert's book "In the Shadow of Moose Mountain" about her experiences in Brookfield and Wakefield. Mrs Seibert has also provided two children's books telling about life in the 1800s "Best Friends" and "Moose Mountain Memories" which were given to Marilou for our files and possible display in the School House.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to plans for the Town's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. Marilou requested authority to purchase a banner from Staples announcing the celebration; this would be approximately \$100. The group voted to approve the purchase. She has spoken to Moderator Bill Marsh about re-enacting the first Town meeting. At that time, we will appoint folks to some of the positions of the era, including reeve, fence viewer, pound keeper, and culler of staves. Marilou has located copies of the play "Brookfield Remembered" which was performed at the bicentennial celebration, and another which was written in the early 1940s.

Harriet distributed a draft form asking folks when their families came to Brookfield; the group made several suggestions. We will hope to have the form available for voting day so as to have a start on the celebration.

Bob suggested putting trivia questions about Brookfield's history on many of our handouts. He will work up some suggestions.

Harriet will also draft a form for the "Big Tree Program" using the state guidelines. While there is no program for individual towns per se, we could submit our winners to the county competition. We hope to get town foresters/lumbermen involved in the judging.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson