

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 15 January 2019

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 6:00 pm. Also present were Brian Robischeau, Bob & Karen Servacek, Harriet Wilson, Ron Prior, and Rich Zacher. The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2018, were approved by a vote of 4 - 0, with Harriet abstaining.

Marilou moved to authorize Ron Prior to purchase a NH state flag for the Town House flagpole, price not to exceed \$35.00. The selectmen have already approved this purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Ron suggested making Carolyn Chase an honorary member (member emerita) of the Heritage Commission. We all agreed!

Bob has made up a list of the various Town officers in Brookfield in the 1800s, with a description of their duties. We are asked to think of folks we can appoint to these positions at the Town Meeting. Harriet suggested descendants of some of the original residents (like Jim Whittemore and perhaps Grace Ferguson).

Marilou moved to order 200 ornaments from Hampshire Pewter with the dates 1794 - 2019. These will cost \$1,920; if we sell them at \$15 each, that will result in a profit to the Town of \$1,080. Each comes with an ornament hanger. Harriet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob has found an article in the July 3, 1908, edition of the *Carroll County Pioneer* which gives a good description of the Bell Dedication on June 29 that year. He distributed copies to everyone.

Marilou reported that the Town of Brookfield now owns the copyright for Our Yesterdays, the history of the Town written by Carolyn Chase. She is still working on getting an electronic copy so we can print more. The problem is the pictures, many of which are too dark to reproduce well.

We will discuss with the Wakefield/Brookfield Historical Society whether their programs for the summer include any presentations which would be suitable for the Brookfield Town House.

There was considerable discussion of other events planned for the 225 celebration. While it was originally thought to make the coneflowers available at the Town Cleanup in April, they may not be ready at that time (they bloom from June to October). We could take orders in April. No decision on whether to sell them or give them away.

We will ring the bell at the re-enactment of the dedication on June 29, once for each letter in Brookfield (10 times).

We did discuss the making of signs for older and/or significant structures and sites in Town, but no decisions were made. Brad Williamson could be asked to make the signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson