

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING -- Town Office Building

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 6:05 pm. Also present were Brian Robischeau, Bob & Karen Servacek, Harriet Wilson, Ron Prior, Susan Raban, Sandy Pace, and Rich Zacher. The minutes of the March 6 meeting were approved unanimously.

Susan reported on the proposal she and Sandy are making for a quilt to commemorate the 225th anniversary. It will be approximately 42" x 44" to fit in the alcove holding the public access computer in the Office Building. The center will feature a front view of the Town House. The upper left corner will have a 1794 flag (13 stars and stripes) and the upper right corner will have a 2019 flag (current version - 13 stripes and 50 stars). Underneath the building will be the words, "Town of Brookfield, New Hampshire". She presented a sketch. After brief discussion, Marilou moved to accept the design and authorize \$50 for expenses. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marilou has discussed with Laurie Champy the issue of putting 225th anniversary events on the website. There are now some materials relating to celebration on the Heritage Commission page, and more will be coming. The Wolfeboro Town Band will play at the re-dedication of the bell on June 29; Carolyn Chase will read the poem created for the original dedication in 1904. The new Town medallions from Hampshire Pewter should be available for purchase at that time (\$15). A video of our Bicentennial activities will also be available. Frank Frazier has at least 200 purple coneflowers growing for later sale. This is the Brookfield Town Flower as established at our bicentennial in 1994.

Harriet distributed a proposed nomination form for the biggest tree in Brookfield, which was accepted by the group and will be posted on the website. The biggest tree in each species category will be submitted to the NH Cooperative Extension which administers the program on a County and State level.

Marilou plans to present "Heritage Moments" at upcoming selectmen's meetings; these will also be posted on the website. She asked Bob to write 3 and she will do the rest. We briefly discussed the idea of a Town Christmas tree for December. We also suggested that Marilou's article in the Granite State News about our re-

enactment of the first Town meeting be put on the website, possibly including a video.

NH Chronicle included a piece about Brookfield in it's April 10 episode. We will try to get a copy.

Harriet passed along to Marilou information on a database program for town cemeteries and graveyards. The program is currently used in Wakefield. We will tackle that project after the 225th celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Wilson, Recorder