

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING -- Town Office Building

Wednesday, 20 November 2019

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 6:05 pm. Also present were Bob & Karen Servacek, Harriet Wilson, and Rich Zacher. The minutes of the October 16, 2019, meeting were approved. Marilou reported that the binder in the Office Building for the minutes from the Heritage Commission is missing. If it does not return, she & Harriet should have minutes from the last several years so the information can be replaced.

Marilou has tried to order Heritage Commission nametags twice from Staples, with no results. She is now trying a different company. She will prepare a current roster of our members and distribute it to everyone. She is still researching a company to scan the history so we can reprint it.

32 people attended the Veteran's Day pot luck dinner (40 last year). Next year we will set up one less table. Carolyn Chase's talk was well received, and there was plenty of food.

\$7300 has been budgeted to repair the windows in the Town House. Rick Poole will be doing the work when he returns from Florida in the spring. Peter Lord, a plaster restoration person, will be asked to provide a written report and an estimate for repairing the plaster in the Town House (not redoing the whole thing). Once that is done, Marilou will prepare a grant request for the work.

The Town Christmas Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We will gather on Friday, December 13, at 2:30 pm for set up. We will be selling the new Brookfield ornaments at the breakfast. It was decided not to plan a lot of activity for the children, since we don't know how many will come, and the breakfast is only 2 hours. We should bring cookies if possible (2 doz).

Bob distributed a newspaper article from January 4, 1900, which described the Christmas program for 1889. The program was put on by the "Brookfield Sabbath School" and included songs, a responsive reading, prayers, and recitations, as well as distribution of gifts to the children.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be in February, 2020, to plan for the 2020 Town Meeting in March.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Wilson, Recorder