

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 22 June 2016

Present: Marilou MacLean; Harriet Wilson; Brian Robischeau; Steve Michalsky; Patricia Golden; and Rich Zacher, selectman. The meeting was held in the Office Building.

We were called to order at 7:05 pm by Marilou. Brian moved to accept the minutes of the March 30 meeting; Patricia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The discussion of the light fixtures in the Town House continued. Marilou reported that the electrician doing the work in the Town House was not happy with the suggestions we made (see report of May non-meeting); he felt they were "cheap" and would not last. Marilou and Lance visited Rockingham Electric and found a 3-tier chandelier with 15 LED lights and 11 matching sconces for \$2130.53. The Selectmen have seen the pictures and approved. Patricia moved to accept the suggested fixtures; Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marilou suggested a dimmer switch for the chandelier; Steve said such a switch would have a smaller range with LED lights. Marilou suggested that \$1000 come from the Town budget and the remaining \$1130.53 come from the Heritage Fund. This will leave money for bookcases, etc for the school house. The group agreed.

Marilou reported receiving an email from Ernie Brown requesting a letter of support for a new grant to work on the Cotton Valley Trail from Clark Road to Wolfeboro. Harriet has prepared the letter which Marilou will sign as chair of the Commission, and it can be sent for submission with the grant application. Harriet reported that Mr Hanson of Wolfeboro has registered the name TRAC and the logo with the State, and that therefore the group which has been using it for 24 years can no longer use it. We will now be referring to the Cotton Valley Trail (this name has been registered with the State). She also stated that progress on the Trail, which will be extended from the Wolfeboro end, is awaiting work to be done on the rails by the railcar club. Currently, the rails will not support the equipment needed to bring in necessary fill and other materials.

It has been suggested that we change the name of our Old Home Day Dinner since there are no Old Home Day activities included. Patricia is concerned that we will lose the Old Home Day tradition if we remove that name. After discussion, Marilou suggested that she and/or Patricia give a description of the tradition and its history during the dinner, and Harriet suggested a hand-out as well. Brookfield has not done true Old Home Day activities in the past, although several surrounding communities still have a Day or Week of activities. The Annual Memphis Bar-B-Q will be held on August 13. Tickets will be available ahead of time at the Town Office Building.

Marilou suggested that the Commission meet on the last Saturday of the month for June, July, August, and September to inventory the cabinets in the schoolhouse and to go through all the books removed from the schoolhouse during renovations. Harriet has a computerized inventory of the books from the meeting house and the Town House library, and needs to complete the inventory from the schoolhouse. Unfortunately, the books were not kept sorted when they were moved from the schoolhouse.

Harriet asked if the "Buy a Brick" fundraiser was still under discussion. As there are still bricks from the old Schoolhouse chimney available, that is still an option. She asked if school desks were still available for sale; there are still some available, although one or two have disappeared. Harriet asked about the possible reunion of Churchill School alumnae; Patricia has made a list of students from material at the UNH Library - this reunion is still an option. Brian reported that the definition of who counts as a Brookfield veteran was getting exceedingly complex, and he is now looking toward a generic and simple Veterans Memorial which does not list names.

We adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson