

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 17 July 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marilou MacLean at 7:05 pm. Also present were Harriet Wilson, Brian Robischeau, and Rich Zacher. The minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2018, were approved by a vote of 3 - 0. The report of the non-meeting of June 20 was approved by Marilou and Harriet.

The majority of the gathering was devoted to very preliminary plans for the Town's 225th anniversary in 2019. Both Harriet & Marilou will search out material from the Town's bicentennial in 1974 (Harriet was on that committee). Among the suggestions are installing signs on the schoolhouses, the oldest house in town, and the building where the first town meeting was held, along with other historical sites. Obviously, this will involve permission from the current owners of those buildings. At the Town's Bicentennial, the purple cone-flower was designated the official Brookfield Town Flower; we could replant some at the Town House and make them available for folks to purchase.

Several programs were discussed including a workshop on genealogy research, a speaker on graveyard restoration (maybe renew the "adopt a graveyard" program), a program on historic costuming, tours of historic houses, etc. The summer Bar-B-Q and the selectmen's breakfast on clean-up day will be incorporated into the observances. We could perhaps appoint folks to the old Town positions at Annual Meeting in March (fence viewer, pound keeper, reeve, surveyor of highways, culler of staves). These positions would come with definitions and descriptions!

This summer's Bar-B-Q dinner will be held on August 4; this will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Wilson