

CHICHESTER HERITAGE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Lucille Noel, Ed Millette, Mardy Friary, Joyce LeMay, Dawn Marshall

Opened: The meeting started at 7:10 pm at the Historical Society.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Motion passed to accept the 2020 year end Treasurer's report. Budget \$-22.82, Non-Lapsing Fund \$2,341.75

Minutes: The Minutes of the March meeting were approved with amendments.

Discussion of possible projects for 2021.

Lucille has a call in to Amy Dixon at the NH Preservation Alliance about whether the grant application process is still open for 2021.

Projects discussed included:

1. Chichester Country Store – Application for the State Historical Register

Joyce and Frank will work on getting the dimensions and photos of the buildings. Lucille has collected information already about the history of the store and the area nearby and much information has been compiled by Tim and Robin Pennerton, the owners of the store. Everyone agreed they want to work on this project.

2. 200th birthday of Lafayette's visit - Many towns are putting up markers commemorating his 1825 visit. Lafayette stayed at Leavitt's Tavern, which was on Route 4. The Historical Society has a print of a painting of his visit to the inn. Applications for historical markers are through the NH Division for Historical Resources .
3. Free Will Baptist Church signage – We hope to be able to put up a sign like the ones at the Grange Hall and Library with a short history of the building.

New Members needed: It is agreed that the commission needs more members. Putting an ad on the town website letting the need be known was considered a good idea by the members.

Adopt a flower barrel or planter: We discussed setting up a program to have the town barrels and planters adopted by groups or individuals who would water and care for them especially during the summer months. A small number of members make taking care of the barrels and planters plus the town Green Space, a big chore.

Fire Station Planter: Dan Shroth, who has built many stone walls in the area, including out Grange Hall planter and Green Space walls, will no longer be doing this work as his profession. He may still be willing to work on the planter at the Fire Station.

Granite pieces: We have stored some donated pieces of granite at the town shed, Ed will contact the new road agent and let him know those belong to the commission to be used for future projects of the commission.

Demolition Review Ordinance: Ed will speak to Jody about who can approve an addition to the Demolition Delay Ordinance. (Select Board, warrant item, ballot item?) We will then decide how to proceed, after we receive that information.

Grange Hall candles: Those who can will meet Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2:00PM to take down the candles at the Grange Hall.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50

Minutes submitted by Dawn Marshall