

**BOW HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**April 12, 2011 Minutes**

Present: Sue Wheeler, Chair; Gary Nysten, Vice-Chair; Faye Johnson,  
Secretary; Tom Wilson; Nancy Knapp; John  
Meissner and Eric Anderson, BOS Rep  
Absent: Dennis Ordway; John Meissner  
Guests: Bruce Buttrick, Code Enforcer; Carol Gouin

**GENERAL BUSINESS.** March 7, 2011 minutes were approved as written. Sue Wheeler stepped down as chair but will remain as a member. Members expressed their appreciation for her years of service. On motions duly made and seconded, Gary Nysten was elected Chair and Tom Wilson, Vice-Chair. Faye repeated as Secretary/Treasurer. Attendance and active participation discussed. Faye will check with other Boards and Commissions for their policies on attendance and report back in May. \$20 received from Gary for sale of *100 Acres More or Less*. March 17, 2011 Heritage Fund Report was reviewed; Arcadia royalties of \$ 11.90 received 2/28/11 for 7/2010 to 12/2010.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**Bow Bog Meeting House.** Steeple/Foundation Repair. Bruce Buttrick reported he plans to write specs in May, bid in June and begin construction in July. BHC recommended not to secure an architect for specs for Phase, as (1) the detailed specs for exterior flashing and trim repair is not needed until phase II, and (2) we want to be sure we have enough funds available should Truss 5 need to be repaired as well when the project is underway. We have obtained a list of contractor/timber framers from NH Preservation Alliance. It was decided to add Derek Owen and Jeff Thurston to that list as well as ask for recommendations from EV. Only contractors with historic preservation experience will be invited to bid; town will reserve the right to reject or accept any and all bids; no variation from spec materials will be allowed. Bruce will circulate draft specs to BHC and Tom will assist in finalizing the specs. EV will provide inspections as per their contract.

Grants. George Lagos has prepared and filed the LCHIP registration form. Amy Dixon has given it a preliminary review and says it appears to be in order. She is willing to review EV's report to see if it fills LCHIP's requirements and to review the engineering plans to see if there is anything that will not comply with Dept. of Interior requirements. Faye will take

care of that within the next week. There will be a mandatory LCHIP grant application preparation class for applicants, which Faye will attend. First grant round should open in July. Faye has been unable to find any other grants to apply for that do not require National recognition.

Open House for State Recognition. Faye has contacted Saymore Trophy about the plaque. It is 10 inches round, unmounted white aluminum for \$40. Saymore's email of the picture didn't arrive in time for the meeting. Faye will pursue. Date for open house June 18, 2011. Men's Club, Rotary and Garden Club. Model A Club, Bow Methodist Church and others will be contacted to see if they would like to participate.

**Town Voting Report.** Faye reported a total sales of \$386 - \$60 to the Town for *100 Acres More or Less* and \$326 for BHC for note cards \$159; Images of Bow \$35; and Poster Preservation Fund \$132 (donations \$18, posters \$30 and raffle \$84). Susan Bird won the framed barn poster. There was a lot of activity at the table and good support shown for preservation of the Bow Bog Meeting House. Note card sales were significant; poster sales disappointing. Faye will contact Bob Levane about setting up the poster fund.

**Barn Posters.** The posters are in Karen's office. She is waiting for the advertising information for the website and for the 8 x 10 flyers to post in the town clerk's office, library and various places around town (10 - 12 will be sufficient). Eric' computer has crashed and a new one purchased and he is presently getting his files back in order. He will take care of this as able.

**Library.** Civil War/Lincoln presentation for 8th graders was well received. Humanities Council speaker on "What is a Town?" was disappointing. Speaker lacked knowledge of and interest in the Town of Bow. Sue and Faye will attend the April 13, 5:00 PM Trustees meeting re fundraising speaker from New Boston, and Gary and Faye will attend the May 11, 5:00 PM meeting with trustees to discuss cooperative projects.

**Snow Roller Cover.** Snow roller variance has been approved. Detailed drawings will need to be submitted with the application for permit. Gary has already done the drawings. Gary reported that "Dig Safe" will be contacted. Bow Landscaping is assisting with the holes for the sonar tubes. Beams from the Hammond barn and boards sawed from storm damaged trees will be used. Shingles will match the school. Volunteers are

ready to go.

**Bow Center Sign.** Gary reported that the final design of historic Bow Center is complete and Carol Colby will begin painting it on canvas, which will then be copied to decal and placed on the sign board. There have been various drafts made and historical research conducted re the Stillman & Hadley blacksmith shop and where Wood Hill Road actually begins. Gary presented information he has researched on the "Stillman & Hadley" blacksmith shop and he actually found there was a Stillman Hadley in the Hadley family tree, as well as connections to many old Bow families. He also presented a copy of the historic information from Dick Stevens on the Clough Tavern/Baptist Parsonage (**This form is exactly the type of information we need to issue an historic sign.**) There will be a short singled roof cover for weather protection. Men's Club members are making the new name sign, which will be green with gold letters. Bow Center Open House and historic sign designation will be held when completed.

**NH Army Memorial.** Robert Goodsell's candid Viet Nam photo has been selected to be a part of the Wall of Remembrance NH Army Monument in Boscawen. Dedication will be May 30, at 12:30 PM following the traditional 11:00 AM Memorial Day Services at the NH State Veterans Cemetery. All members encouraged to attend.

**Mildred Fellows Trombly Photo.** Faye has researched school reports for the possible years that would be her first teaching job (late 20's early to mid-30's) and found no listing for Mildred Fellows as a teacher. Unfortunately, several years in the early 30's did not list teachers in the report. Members (and Carol Gouin) have viewed the picture and it is believed that the school shown is the River Road School. It is believed she lived near the Concord/Bow line on South St.

**Bow Veterans Project.** Carol submitted information on Pvt. Henry A. Cheney, WWI, and more detailed information on Paul Lindquist, WWII.

**NEW BUSINESS. Road Name Changes/911 Committee.** BHC discussed the changing of names of old historic roads in the Town currently being

considered by the 911 Committee and the concern about the loss of this part of Bow's history. A letter will be written to the 911 Committee asking for a meeting with them to discuss this matter.

**Prospective Members.** Deborah Stone, 6 Fox Meadow Dr. has completed a volunteer application and listed BHC as her second choice. Faye has spoken with her and if she is not contacted by the Planning Board, she will attend the May meeting. Debra Davis Timberlake expressed an interest in joining/helping BHC at the recent "What is a Town?" program. Faye will follow-up on the phone message she left with Ms. Timberlake last week. Several other residents were discussed and will be contacted.

Discussion held on forming subcommittees or "Friends of" groups with residents headed by a BHC member to assist with open houses and small repair and improvement and other projects of BHC. Gary also suggested contacting other town clubs, such as Men's, Rotary, Garden, churches, teachers, scouts, etc., to form a working group or groups to assist BHC in carrying out its mission of historic preservation and education.

**Request for information- Henry B. Taylor on River Road.** Gary and Carol have researched this request using school, birth, death, and marriage town records and US Census reports, with the following results.

- *100 Acres More or Less*, pgs 58, 59 - Benjamin Taylor, Bow Proprietor's Map, parcel D3, L106, proximity of River Rd.
- *100 Acres More or Less*, pg. 389, C.W. Taylor minister of Methodist Church 1868-70.
- *100 Acres More or Less*, pgs. 321 & 514, Charles Taylor killed during Civil War.
- *100 Acres More or Less*, pg. 392, F. W. Taylor, minister of Methodist Church 1914.
- 1850 U. S. Census, Hannah Sherman b. 1783 married Chester Taylor on 18 Jul 1858 in Bow.
- 1921 Henry B. Taylor's Poll Tax was abated.

Gary will report his findings to Debora Ford, of Washington State, the great-granddaughter of Henry B. Taylor.

**1976 Bicentennial Coins.** A small box of numbered coins have been found. The foam display sheet in the plastic case has melted and stuck to the coins. Faye has soaked one in water and found the foam can be

removed. All of these need to be cleaned, sleeved, and cataloged. Next meeting we will select the number to be reserved, and release the remainder for sale.

**1977 Parade Photos.** The people in these photos need to be identified. Carol doesn't know many of them since she was not at the parade. She suggested asking Sarah Swenson.

**BHC Brochure Update.** Nancy has made a draft update of the brochure, but her computer does not have the necessary programs to complete it. Phone numbers were verified, type face discussed, and suggestion made to place Bow Bog Meeting House on the front. Gary will take over this project as he has the necessary program. He will supply a draft for the next meeting.

**Heritage Day.** Gary has proposed that a Bow Heritage Day be proclaimed for the grant of the Town of Bow on May 27, 1727 by Colonial Governor Wentworth. This date would fall on or near Memorial Day every year and a large celebration could occur on the weekend when appropriate, but should be remembered on its anniversary every year. This proclamation should be requested to be made by the Board of Selectmen and the Governor of NH, and should be placed in the annual town report. On motion duly made and seconded this was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Johnson, Secretary

UNAPPROVED