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BOW HERITAGE COMMISSION

January 14, 2020 Minutes

Present: Eric Anderson, Vice-Chair; Faye Johnson, Secretary; Sue Wheeler; James Dimick; David Lindquist; John Meissner; Gary Nylén; Colleen Hunter, BOS Rep.
Guest: Chris Andrews, Bldgs. Facilities Mgr.

Town Historic Buildings. Chris attended to clarify the BHC plans for historic buildings leading up to the town's 300th birthday in 2027. Discussion held. We will apply for State recognition for 1821 Town Pound, 1847 Old Town Hall, 1894 Bow Center School House, and possibly the Old Bow Mills School (Muni Bldg.) beginning this year. We need to decide on use of current kitchen area in the **School House** and complete all estimates for restoration of building so we can apply for a Moose Plate or LCHIP grant or use volunteers, as appropriate. Chris has estimates for window glazing and storm windows.

Meeting House still needs floor, trim and pew painting, drip edge protection, front landscaping and painting. Stewardship funds of \$200 per year will be received thru 2024.

Chris reported that Fifield quoted \$1,500 to replace the School House sill, which exceeds the \$600 appropriated for the school house in his budget, and asked if BHC could cover the remaining \$900. Discussion held. Some members felt that we should not be setting precedent for using BHC funds for building maintenance, and that we should first search for funding. On motion duly made (SW) and seconded (JD), it was voted to advise Chris to encumber \$600 for sill repair in grounds and buildings fund for one year while we search for funding options. (6-0 CH abstained).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes. On motion duly made (JD) and seconded (DL), the minutes of the December 12, 2019 minutes were approved as written. CH abstained.

Financial Reports. No expenses or income. Faye will investigate an unpaid invoice for a signboard. BOS cut our budget request for a stenographer. It would have to come out of our current or 2021 Operating Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Map Preservation. We have an old map showing ownership of property and other details of the Londonderry Turnpike (now 3A) that should be researched for possible preservation. Jim and Gary authorized to proceed.

Bow Bog Meeting House annual LCHIP Monitoring Report has been completed by Faye and Eric. The \$200 check should arrive in February.

Colonial Foot Warmer. Sue has found an appropriate period foot warmer she thinks would make a good addition to the Bow Bog Meeting House. On motion duly made (JD) and seconded

(GN), she was authorized to spend up to \$100 to acquire it.

OLD BUSINESS

Third Grade School House Fundraiser discussed, including the pros and cons of using the window panes. Chris concerned with the cost of doing the project piecemeal. He has a quote for glazing and wavy glass replacement (\$2,600) and storm windows (\$1,850). Eric suggested a flag pole with brick base. Faye and Sue will meet with the teaching team to discuss their ideas and the scope of project they wish to undertake.

Third Grade thank you notes. Sue has put them into a notebook that can be displayed on Heritage Day.

Note Cards. Eric supplied samples of note cards for our next printing and asked Sue and Faye to make selections.

Copyright Request re *100 Acres and Images* was turned over to Dave Stack. We have not received his decision.

BHC Space Needs. Faye and Gary met Martin at BFL to discuss Baker Collection and BHC move. Martin assured us he has plenty of storage available for the boxed Baker Collection, and the entire second climate controlled room can be used by BHC. Gary noticed some water stains on ceiling and a black pipe on back wall. He will follow-up with Chris. The large table in the room will be exchanged for a desk that fits the area. Gary provided thumb drive information on the Baker Collection, and advised Martin of the multi-volume set of famous literature we have in our possession. An art and display area will be upstairs to the right as you enter the library and our case in the Baker Room will be moved to that area and become part of the display. He can also use the other case if we want to move it from BBMH. We can contribute to the short term displays, or have a semi-permanent one of a longer duration.

Change of Meeting Date. Due to primary voting, BHC February Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Baker Free Library.

Meeting adjourned 11:00

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Johnson
Secretary