

BOW HERITAGE COMMISSION
AUGUST 13, 2019
UNAPPROVED

Present: Eric Anderson, Vice-Chair; Faye Johnson, Secretary; Sue Wheeler; David Lindquist; Maureen Arsenault; Colleen Hunter, BOS Rep.
Absent: Gary Nysten, Chair; James Dimick; and John Meissner
Guests: Chris Andrews, Bldgs Mgr.
Janet Shaw, Observer
Eleana Colby

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting location criteria similar to rental: Key must be picked up the day before our meeting. Parking is in lot across the street to the right near the dumpsters only. No cars in BFL lot after 10 AM. Room will have to be set up and cleaned after use, including taking our trash with us. Faye will send detailed info before next meeting

Minutes. No minutes were approved.

Financial Reports. Heritage Fund Balance \$14,893.77.

2019/FY budget closed with BHC owning a generator for the Old Schoolhouse which we will share with Chris. Colleen will verify reimbursement due her. 2020/FY Budget is \$1,750; Eric will be reimbursed for note cards from 2020 budget.

No correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

1832 Bow Baptist Church (now Cross Roads Community Church) Steeple Raising. Prior to the meeting, members had an opportunity to view the steeple reconstructed by Steve Fifield as it was placed on the building. They are fundraising for the match to an LCHIP grant.

Requests for historic information. (1) Heather Vogel Frederick, Research & Publication Services Team Leader, Longyear Museum, T: 617.278.9000 x 310 doing some research into **Mary Baker Eddy's education**, and trying to track down some historical material mentioned in the book "Mary Baker Eddy: The

Golden Days” by Jewel Spangler Smaus, published in 1966. Of particular interest is the record book for School #3, 1807-1862 and the first printed report of the Superintending School Committee for the town of Bow, in 1848. If we can find the books, she would like to come and see them. Faye and Sue will research and respond.

(2)**Ron Stafford** rstafford@restafford.com. Referred by Amelia @ BFL. Wants an appointment to do family genealogical research in the Baker Room for Eastman and Sulloway. He has tried to reach us thru bowheritage1727@gmail.com. BHC needs to check this email. Gary or Faye will contact Mr. Stafford.

BarbaraMacauley Interview. If we have questions for Mrs. Macauley about the Friendship Quilt or the Shattagee Area, we should visit her soon. Chris checked with her relatives, who suggested we send them a short list of questions or subjects that they can bring up with her when the opportunities arise.

BOS Report

Metal Detecting Ordinance, Article V 159-13 to 159-16. Colleen reported that the BOS went back to its original ordinance, which includes:

C. If the found item in question is an “historic resource, as defined by NH RSA227-C:1,VII, the person finding or discovering shall take no further action to remove, dislodge, or uncover the item, shall leave it in its present condition and shall report the discovery of the found item and its location to **the Town of Bow and the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources.**”

BHC has no involvement with items discovered, unless requested by the Board of Selectmen. BHC members are pleased to have this ordinance in place.

OLD BUSINESS

BHC Space Needs. Chris has moved BHC materials to the old Police Booking Room while the DOT building is remodeled. Faye has asked for a key as soon as possible to as she has research to undertake, and access is necessary for Heritage Day. She has also asked for a key to the

outside door when it is changed. The room next to the Baker Room is being considered as a permanent space. The BFL has found us meeting room space.

Heritage Day is Saturday, September 21, 11 – 2. It has been advertised in the *Bow Times*; Faye will put on the Town calendar. Men's Club will do ham and bean lunch. Faye will order the porta potti and put in a work order for cleaning the building. There will be native American artifacts on display and copies of the booklet for sale. Sue is taking care of the pies and decorations, and cleaning the lights, if necessary. We are looking for people to play the Prescott organ. Macauley Friendship Quilt will be on display, and the process for restoration discussed. The 2 quilts will be auctioned off. Faye is preparing the program for the bell ringing. We will not have Suncook Valley Singers, but we have other things we are working on. The lap top will be running photos and Gary will present old Bow Mills. We will sell old road signs.

Quilt Raffles. Colleen delivered tickets to those who needed them. For more tickets, see Tonya. There was a very nice advertisement in the *Bow Times*. Unfortunately, it listed the old non-working Sr. Project website. This website will be closed. Faye will put correct info on the Town Calendar.

Macauley Friendship Quilt Restoration. Jim Mauer has the quilt and will work on restoring the faded names. He hopes to work with Eric on it. We will pay for it with the proceeds from the Quilt raffle. "A quilt for a quilt."

Historic Buildings. Bow Bog Meeting House. Placing stone around the foundation to protect the building and replacing some siding will be moved to spring. **School House** work will also be postponed.

Eleana Colby visited to get more information on the path to take to purchase an historic house in Bow and restore it for a commercial

building. BHC was excited about her project, and at close of the meeting Colleen went with her to meet Dave to get the ball rolling.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 15