

UNAPPROVED

BOW HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 13, 2019 Minutes

Present: Gary Nylan, Chair; Eric Anderson, Vice-Chair; Faye Johnson, Secretary; Sue Wheeler; James Dimick; Maureen Arsenault; John Meissner; and Colleen Hunter, BOS Rep.

Absent: David Lindquist and Darren Benoit

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes. On motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Reports. Heritage Fund balance \$15,614.28; Budget balance \$539.24. Tonia told us at the time of the move that Dave had approved payment out of Town funds. When the invoice arrived, Geoff charged it to the BHC per Dave Stack. Colleen will investigate.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted to provide Gary with an external hard drive to download his personal files on Bow's history for use by BHC.

BOS REPORT – Colleen Hunter

- **Road name change – Nesbitt or Smokey.** Stacy Freeman, niece of John Nesbitt, attended the session and gave a history of the Nesbitts and the area. Gary remembered Smokey Ordway living in a shack in that area.
- **Sale of 1310 Route 3A, (MBLU 35-2-102) with an easement to protect the 1777 Historic Norris/Noyes Sawmill Site and Dam.** Colleen was asked if shePM she could provide BHC with a copy of the vote to sell and the Bid Form for our file.
- **Town Report Error.** Faye reported that Page 111 of the 2018 Town Report incorrectly lists the balance of the Heritage Fund as \$418,985.78; it should be \$14,574.50. Colleen asked to have this corrected at Town Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS.

Workshops. Sue reported that “Telling Your Family Story” was a good workshop with excellent speakers, and covered topics from interviewing family members to preservation of finished project. Negative: Fritz Wetherbee was ill. Gary reported on N.H.H.S. Genealogy Workshop: Scots-Irish in New England with Ulster

Historical Foundation; their first time in N.E. He viewed the original Shute Petition, learned more about Scots-Irish in NH and shared his research on Alexanders. Negative: understanding the brogue. Literature will be filed in the Baker Room.

Website. Jim has been scanning documents, maps and photos in preparation for the website and found his father's signature when he scanned the log book from the Bow Observation Tower. Gary presented the website format and the work done to date on the website material.

Baker Heritage Room. Staffing was discussed. New April hours will be the 2nd Thursday (April 11) from 3PM to 7PM and the 3rd Saturday (April 20) from 10AM to 2 PM.

Historic Buildings Management –

BBMH. LCHIP requirements have been completed and we have received our last \$200 check. We now have a total of \$1,000 LCHIP funds to use on the Bow Bog Meeting House. Chris has asked how much we can pay toward the foundation, squirrel and trim board repairs. We will request the estimates and discuss at next meeting.

Sale of Old Street Signs. Jim has cleaned and inventoried the signs. On Motion duly made (FJ) and seconded (JD) it was voted to sell the signs for \$20 each at an advertised BHC event.

NEW BUSINESS

Quilt Fundraiser. Eric presented an email from penny.maurer@comcast.net offering quilts for a BHC fundraiser. We will follow up.

.Annual BHC presentation to Bow Young at Heart. Faye will present Alexander/Noyes artifacts and recent BHC finds (Cheney and Colby Blacksmith Jig Stones, Noyes Sawmill and Bob Morgan's notes on slaves and slaveholders in 1700's Bow area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye M. Johnson