

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Meeting October 27, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Richmond Public Library

Attended by: Carol Jameson, chairman; Bonnie McCarthy, treasurer; Suzie Roney, secretary; Sandy Laughner; Jerry Mills; Hank Hallas, alternate. John Lewis, Richmond Historical Society, attended as a guest.

Minutes from 9-11-17 were approved. Bonnie gave the treasurers report

The following projects were discussed:

-- Telephone building: Jerry , Sandy and Bonnie finished painting the building [with a small bit of trim to be finished , weather permitting] Jerry cleaned up some of the smaller brush from around the building. Discussed removing some larger trees which are too close to power lines and the building. Discussed future use for building and sign out front.

-- Brewer Park: Carol donated the plants which were planted with the help of Bonnie, Jan Weekes and John Hill with more planting to be done in the spring . Discussed signage and future maintenance.

-- Town Pound : Thanks to Jerry and Bonnie, most of the clean up has been completed [removal of debris, roots and lots of broken glass] Discussed placing existing stones on wall to rebuild. A sign will be provided by the Richmond Historical Society.

--- Quaker Cemetery : Jerry and John Lewis will be researching information for a sign to be placed with the consent from the Society of Friends.

--- Civil War Memorial : Hank Hallas discussed plans for monument to be added to Memorial Park [at Vets Hall] Hank has done a lot of research with the help of the Cheshire County Historical Society, on the men from Richmond who served in the Civil War. John Lewis has been contributing some very useful information , as they are both Civil War buffs. Hank reported that Sean Bennett has offered to donate the threshold stone from Schoolhouse 4, which could be used if it were leaned or propped up on something – sinking it into the ground is expensive and it is not long enough for that. Plans include a program on the Civil War in May or June, presented by Hank and John, then fundraising to cover costs above the amount of the donations already given and earmarked for this purpose. Publicity ideas for the presentation included: small cards like Fitzwilliam had prepared, to be left at library, town hall, stores, distributed to other local historical societies and commissions; email blast to same; sandwich board; Rooster articles beforehand on the Civil War and email blast; personal calls by commission members and friends; radio coverage (WIRY and WKNE were mentioned); Keene Sentinel and Monadnock shopper.

More to come this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30