

Minutes (Draft) of Richmond Heritage Commission Meeting
4/18/17, Vets Hall, 2:00pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Susan Roney; Sandy Laughner. Absent: Hank Hallas (Alternate). Richmond Historical Society guests: Jerry Mills, John Lewis

- Minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented.
- Bonnie gave the Treasurer's Report
- Brewer Park: Carol reported that the easement has been signed by Ed and Melissa Atkins and duly recorded. Work will be resumed shortly when Bob can schedule same with Ed and Pete Kimball. In the meantime Bob will contact Steve Laflam to get a new estimate on park edging. Bob will also prepare drafts of copy for the signs planned for the park for review by the RHC.
- Telephone Building: Carol reported that the Town will contribute \$1000 toward the Heritage Commission's ongoing work to restore the historic telephone building on the town-owned Vets Hall property (the planned new "Green Area"). The Richmond Historical Society shared photos it has which were taken many years ago showing the appearance of the Telephone Building. Carol will contact Steve Laflam to start work on the floor, door and door frame and rear window. Carol will also discuss with Steve cutting the trees immediately surrounding the building to improve its visibility and access. When that work is done, Heritage Commission members will paint the interior and exterior of the building and work on landscaping.
- Quaker Cemetery: Carol said that the Town will prepare a quitclaim deed for transferring ownership of the Quaker Cemetery from the Rhode Island Quakers to the Town of Richmond. The Town, hopefully, will also fund any attendant legal costs. The RHS attendees stated they had recently cut and cleared trees surrounding the walls of the cemetery and would continue clearing other debris from the 4 Corners Store site to improve appearance of the cemetery from both #32 and #119.
- Town Pound: all attendees discussed the need to amend the Richmond Historical Society's easement to the Town Pound site to enable the Heritage Commission to engage in restoration work. All recognize that this will constitute a longer term project.
- Vets Hall Green Area: Bob reported that he has prepared a brief power point presentation outlining the individual projects that comprise the Vets Hall Green Area (berm, expanded parking lot, removal of stumps and rocks, grading and seeding, stone wall building, Memorial Park redesign and Telephone Building restoration) together with the work required by the separate town organizations who would collaborate on this project. The work involved was discussed immediately following during a walk-through of the site by meeting attendees, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Bob Weekes, Secretary