

Weare Heritage Commission
August 24, 2011
Final

Present: Tanya Kracjik, Chair; George Malette, Vice Chair; Lee Marcroft; John McCausland and Secretary Meg Malette.

Minutes Approved for July 27, 2011. George made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and Meg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

South Weare Improvement Society (Osborne Hall) Sylvia Beaupre spoke on Osborne Memorial Hall grant from Emma Sawyer Trust. Money is being procured to finish some work to the lower level of Osborne Memorial Hall.

John is chairman of the trustees of trust funds. Residue of her estate was given to the town to benefit the town in a wide scope, including school district. The town and school district may mean the legal entities of receiving funds from the trust, according to the AG's office.

Would like to give \$10,000 to Osborne Hall to complete lower level moisture remediation project and concrete floor. Transfer grant money to Heritage Commission (into the Heritage Commission Fund), since it's a town entity, to be given to Osborne Memorial Hall. John will be meeting with Tom Clow to find out if he has any information about this process. Tom is the Chairman of the selectman.

The Heritage Commission would be the conduit of granting money to Osborne Memorial Hall. John said that a similar process was done for the Conservation Commission.

John has been impressed with the commitment and the building knowledge of the committee who is looking for these grant funds.

Tanya expressed concern with the work that is being done to make sure that the exterior is not being altered from its original state to keep the historic fabric intact.

Sylvia said that the exterior part of the building would not be affected. Even the interior of the building is not being affected. Only upkeep is occurring like painting and upgrading the bathrooms.

Interior Standards – Redid the front steps in-kind. Ramp was installed for handicap accessibility. Windows were replaced but muttons were copied from original windows.

John made a motion, subject to a clearance from the BOS, that we receive a grant of \$10,000 from the Emma Sawyer Trust to be used for the lower level concrete floor, moisture remediation and rigid insulation project of the South Weare Improvement Society, further George, Lee, and John meet with Chairman of the BOS to find out what

procedures we need to do make this happen. Tanya seconded this motion. All unanimously voted in favor of this.

John and George will determine a time to meet with Tom Clow.

The commission members reviewed the bylaws.

List of Historic Buildings in Weare List of historic buildings in digital format was procured from the town for homes 1920 and older. John requested that we also get the date of the buildings and outbuildings.

Cemetery Tour Update Cemetery Tour – Center Square cemetery tour, which is oldest cemetery in town. The cemetery trustees approved this tour. The tour will take place in October 2012. John said that we will begin this project next spring. This tour is a fundraiser for the General John Stark Scenic Byway. The other cemetery across street can also be included.

Clinton Grove Historic Marker – George recommended not going forward with the marker at this time. Perhaps at a future date, we can work together with the Historical Society to get a marker for Clinton Grove.

250th Celebration project – Pamphlet of self-guided tour of the buildings in Weare. Apply to the Sawyer fund or 250th for a booklet for the tour.

Old Home Day – George passed out the Old Home Day brochure. The Heritage Commission will not be able to participate this year. George asked the group if they know of any reenactment group for next year's Old Home Day. This will be a good draw for the event.

Time of meeting will remain at 6 PM.

NH's Ford Dealership is still up for sale.

Questions about Bylaws by North Hampton Heritage Commission – George passed around the email from the North Hampton Heritage Commission for everyone to review.

Poor Farm Walk – Forest management plan. A walk was supposed to take place. George attended but no one was there at the designated time. Tanya said that she would like to get involved with the forest management plan to protect the cemetery and cellar holes. Attach to timber management plan to protect the historical resources there. George said that he believes that we can add an attachment to the management plan.

George to get in touch with forester to work with the state division or take a walk with the commission members. GPS mapping, too.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Malette

