

Lee Heritage Commission Minutes October 20, 2022

Present: Pat Jenkins, Liz McCaffrey, Denis Hambucken, Donna Eisenhard, Scott Bugbee, Laura Gund.

Guests: Chuck and Laurel Cox.

Minutes: Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022, Donna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

“Quaking Dover”: Chuck came to tell us about a book that has been published about the Quakers in Dover and an opportunity to hear the author, Jnana Hodson, speak about her book. In 1680 about a third of Dover’s population was Quaker. The present Meeting House has been there on Central Avenue for 253 years and it was the third meeting house in Dover. *Donna made the motion, and Scott seconded, to purchase two copies of “Quaking Dover” at a cost of \$20 each. One copy for the library and one for the Historical Society. Motion passed.*

Henry Tufts: Now that we can get copies of the book about the notorious Lee native, Henry Tufts, we voted to purchase two copies of it, one for the library and one for the Historical Society. *Scott made a motion to spend up to \$40 to buy two copies of Henry Tufts, Denis seconded and the motion passed.*

Flag Hill Winery: Following our meeting with owner Brian Ferguson and discussing his proposal, members of the Commission who were present voted unanimously to give Brian the go-ahead with his plans. Scott made the motion, Donna seconded, with Pat and Laura also voting.

Rothwell Barn: Caren Rothwell finally got in touch with us, but no date was set.

Archive Room: State Department of Labor states that this room needs to be cleaned up in 30 days and cannot be used as is. Cord has been working on the archives, but he would need more time to finish the job, or some help.

Calendar: Pictures are in, captions have been discussed and Scott will help Liz if need be.

Boston Post Cane: Donna brought her Mother’s cane to the meeting explaining that the canes were made out of ebony with a gold top. Since originals were lost, recently the Board of Selectmen had copies made and kept the original in the case in the Town Hall. Because the gold top has the name of the sponsor on it, there is no room for the person’s name. For instance, Meda Durepo, the current holder of the cane, does not have her name on it. Laura will check with Dave Miner to see if he could find a way to write the recipient’s name on the cane.

Tuttle Road Barn: The owner of this barn has now decided to keep the barn and, as a result, would like a barn easement on it. Laurel brought in the Barn Easement packet and is willing to be our consultant on the paperwork, etc. for this project.

Parish House: The Department of Labor, during its visit to town buildings, said that they “don’t like” the Parish House. Laura made a motion for the Parish House to have an extension to 2026 to give more time for a proposal. Scott seconded the motion and motion passed.

Hobo Shed: Since there has been some talk about getting rid of the Hobo Shed, it has been suggested, and Laurel brought it to our attention, that the Shed would make an excellent Natural History Center.

Next meeting will be November 17, 2022.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund