

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton, Jesse Morrison, Anne-Marie Nolan and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- Dan has posted information regarding making donations and "save the date" information (Judith Kaloara 5/24, etc.). He has informed all interested parties of new email address for the website, and will assume responsibility for replying to emails, copies to members.

Indian Trail- Jesse has not yet been able to contact property owner who has posted "no trespassing" near Pierce Rd. entrance to trail in New Braintree- will continue efforts.

Franklin Marker- Dick has contacted Mary Hafferty of MassDOT, and was informed marker is being made.

Treasurer's Report- Anne-Marie provided a written report.

H.S.Scholarship- The deadline for applications was 4/2/18. Anne-Marie will let us know if there were any applicants.

Lucy Stone Nomination- Amy says just a little more needed, and hopes to be complete by end of April.

Old Indian Cemetery- Fannins say work will resume 4/24/18, hoping to complete phase 3.

Methodist Cemetery- Fannins have been doing research at Library to determine date town took over maintenance responsibilities. Have contacted Methodist Church officials, also.

Master Plan- Application has been made for a CMRPC grant.

Collapsed Structure- Jesse reports he has not yet heard from town regarding his offer to provide pro bono help with title search.

Town Hall Maintenance- Dick has recently reminded selectmen of needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick made available various upcoming events at the Antiquarian Society.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to continuing the planning for the Lucy Stone events on 8/11 and 8/12. Some of the main points and issues:

1. Saturday morning event (8/11):

- a. Arrangement for busses has been made (by Dick), no cost. Is speaker system provided?
- b. All participants meet at 8:30 A.M.
- c. Parking- Gavitt can provide 50 spaces. Others: Hwy. Dept., Senior Center.
- d. Parking signs needed. If Commission provides, Hwy. Dept. will install.
- e. Parking assistants needed. CERT from Warren?
- f. Porta-potty from Barnes to be installed at museum.

2. Saturday afternoon event (8/11):

- a. Keynote speaker- Dan will ask Gail Sheehy.
- b. Dan estimates floor plan- 152 people seated (8/table), 40 people around edge.
- c. Bunting needs to be brought out.
- d. Sound system (and some one to run it): \$800-1200, to be arranged by Dan.
- e. Close shutters to block potential sunlight and install decorations over or in front of them.
- f. Refreshments. Definitely a cake. Other refreshments by planning group (Barbara and others).
- g. Schedule: 2:00-3:00 P.M. eat, 3:00-3:30 P.M. speakers, 3:30-4:00 P.M. keynote speaker.
- h. Sashes to be made (probably 12 by Barbara, Anne-Marie, etc.) reading "Votes for Women".

3. Miscellaneous Other Items:

- a. Involvement of children (from elementary school?).
- b. Banners to be made (based on Lucy Stone portrait)- one 4'x3' oval for \$48 and another 2'x1.5' rectangle for \$24. Unanimously voted and approved to pay up to \$100 from Town Account. Dick will arrange (Turley Publications div. of Surabian Advertising).
- c. 3 spotlights needed (high school?)

- d. Possible concert- Dan pursuing possibility of OSV Singers (Tom Hopkins)
- e. Invited guests (non-paying, but would receive tickets): Dick estimates the following: Lucy Stone descendants, people with name Lucy Stone, TTOR (Hassenfuss), MHC (Betsy Friedberg), Selectmen, local political figures (Gobi, Brewer, Berthiaume, Smoller, Neal), England Fund, local clergy. Others? f. Dan handed out a provisional timeline of what needs to be accomplished when.

Meeting adjourned ca. 9:30 P.M. Planning group will meet 4/18 at 7:00 P.M. in town hall. Next regularly scheduled Commission meeting May 2, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary