

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall Attending were: Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton, Anne-Marie Nolan and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

## OLD BUSINESS

Website- Unanimously voted to pay \$300 bill for web hosting (Jan.-Dec. 2018) from England Fund and \$20.17 for domain name renewal (reimbursement to Dan) from Town Account. Dan agreed to put upcoming Lucy Stone events on calendar. Suggestion made and accepted to put something on the site inviting donations to the Commission (by check only, payable to Town of West Brookfield).

Indian Trail- Dan has updated the trail guide, incorporating most recent suggestions. Jesse will work on issue of "no trespassing" signs that are currently posted at the end of Pierce Road.

Franklin Marker- Dick will contact DOT again in March.

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

Dick has sent a thank you to England Fund for their recent grant of \$7,500.00.

Lucy Stone Nomination- Amy hopes to be finished by end of February. Suggestion made to invite Betsy Friedberg (MHC) to our Lucy Stone events in August. Reimbursement in amount of \$14.90 for assessor's map to be paid from Town Account (unanimously voted).

Old Indian Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Methodist Cemetery- Fannins are working on it.

Master Plan- Jesse agreed to research issues related to demolition delay bylaw. Commission representative needed on Implementation Committee.

H.S. Scholarship- Anne-Marie reports deadline for applications is 4/2/18.

Collapsed Structure- 4 Commission members attended the selectmen's meeting on 1/30/18. At this time it appears next step is for a title search to be done in order to give notice to owners. Town Hall Maintenance- Waiting for architect review.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to continuing the planning for the August 11th and 12th Lucy Stone events. Some of the main points and issues were as follows:

1. Dan has sent out the 3 invitations to potential speakers, and thus far Sen. Gobi has accepted (also will do round table).
2. Dan is working on compiling a list of Lucy Stone descendants (and their contact info).
3. March 8th is "Lucy Stone Day" in Massachusetts. How should we observe it? Town bulletin board? "save the date"?
4. Other issues and questions:
  - a. Any other potentially conflicting events happening on 8/11 and 8/12? None we can think of.
  - b. Parking arrangements need to be made. Co-ordinate with police?
  - c. Busses- where do they leave from? If from QHS Museum, need to have Museum open. What about signs on busses?
  - d. What about toilet facilities? Porta-potties? Where needed?
  - e. Possible Saturday evening choral concert- arrangements still to be made, waiting to hear from Eric von Bleicken. Would Church be available in event of bad weather? Dave will check.
5. Reservations
  - a. limited number of tickets for each event.
  - b. Invitations by mail, payment by mail (check) and procedure needed for returning checks if event is "sold out". Deadline ca. mid-July? c. Cost- \$10?
  - d. Invitation format- thank you to Louise, who couldn't attend meeting but emailed sample invitations for us to consider.
6. Program- should there be a program for entire 2 day event? Theme?
7. Round table speakers- Sen. Gobi and Steven Brewer have already accepted. Dan working on compiling list of other potential participants. Harvard President Faust? Other academics?
8. Event at Town Hall on Saturday
  - a. Bunting on building?
  - b. Should the servers be dressed up in some (period) costume or something similar?

Meeting adjourned ca. 9:00 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary