

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 11:00 A.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.

Again, the main purpose of the meeting was to advance the planning for the Lucy Stone Bicentennial Celebration, August 11th and 12th, especially those steps which need to be taken early. Some of the main points were as follows:

1. Dan (who has accepted responsibility for publicity) handed out a tentative schedule of the events.
2. Dan will send out invitations to the potential speakers for Saturday, 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Elizabeth Warren will be asked to be principal speaker (invited by email and if unable to attend, asked if she would provide a testimonial of some kind). Sen. Gobi and Steven Brewer will be invited also (by regular mail). Suggestion made that we plan for a back-up speaker, if Elizabeth Warren is not available.

Also, invitations should be sent out to potential participants in round table discussion planned for Sunday at 7:30 P.M. Among names mentioned: Joelle Million, Pam Bobay (Worcester Women's History Project), Cynthia Nixon. Probably about 15 people total, and discussion to include thoughts about where the women's movement is going in the future. Possible inclusion of men in discussion.

3. Other potential invitees: among political figures- Todd Smola, Donald Berthiaume, Ed Markey, West Brookfield Selectmen, etc. Also, Dan is working on compiling a list of Lucy Stone descendants.

4. It was agreed 2 day celebration will be on reservation basis, with a limited number of tickets available for each event. Probably about 90 people for 9:00A.M.-12:00 P.M. event on Saturday (also probably 2 busses). People on their own for lunch afterward, but perhaps discounts from local eating establishments. Probably about 250 people for 2:00-4:00 P.M. event on Saturday. Suggestion made to have a guest book. Arrangements still to be made for possible evening concert at 7:30 P.M. on the Common. Probably 130 plus people for each afternoon event on Sunday.

5. Arrangements have been made for live period musical concert on Sunday, 3:30- 4:30P.M. Music will be provided by Samantha Gillogly and Virginia Bailey, at a cost of \$250 and \$200, respectively. It was unanimously agreed to pay these costs from the Lucy Stone Birthplace Account. Also, Joelle Million to be paid from the England Fund (\$100 from England Fund).

6. Generally agreed that round table participants should be compensated, although not necessarily financially.

Finally, several Commission members attended previous evening (1/30/18) Selectmen's Meeting to present Commission views concerning collapsed structure at 5 Foster Hill Rd. Thus far no clear results from meeting.

Meeting adjourned ca. 12:00 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary