

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Tuesday, March 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- Info inviting donations to the Commission has been posted on the site by Dan. Whether donations can be made to a town entity, however, needs to be verified soon, as checks would be made payable to Town of West Brookfield. Dan has created a new email address for the Commission website It is: info@westbrookfield.org. As currently set up, copies will automatically go to Dan, Ron and Dick.

Indian Trail- Waiting for results of Jesse checking into issue of "no trespassing" signs currently posted at the end of Pierce Rd.

Franklin Marker- Dick will email Mary Hafferty of DOT about it.

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

Lucy Stone Nomination- Waiting to hear from Amy.

Old Indian Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Methodist Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Master Plan- Nothing to report.

Collapsed Structure- Will check with selectmen to learn status.

Town Hall Maintenance- Will check with selectmen to learn status.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to continuing the planning for the August 11th and 12th Lucy Stone events. Dan handed out 4 pages of notes detailing what has been accomplished thus far and questions still to be decided. Some of the main points:

1. Reservations needed for each event, with tickets (probably \$10 each) purchased in advance (limit probably 80 for Saturday morning bus tour, probably 250 for Saturday afternoon Suffragist's "Tea" in Great Hall and probably 130 for Sunday afternoon event at W.B. Congregational Church. Priority invitations to Lucy Stone descendants (ca. 40-50) and people with name Lucy Stone (ca. 75). Invitations to be sent out by early May. Person needed to coordinate ticket sales.
2. Saturday morning event, 8/11, 9:00 A.M.- Noon. Total attendees 80, divided into two groups of 40 each. One group by bus to homesite for 1 hour presentation by Joelle Million while other attends presentation at QHS museum (1 hour), then both groups by bus to Rock House for 1 hour presentation by Joelle, then first group back by bus to museum for presentation (1 hour) and second group by bus to homesite to presentation (1 hour) by Joelle, then back to museum.
 - a. Verify museum availability.
 - b. Need to get someone to do museum presentation.
 - c. Verify that bus can negotiate Coy Hill Rd. and that there will be parking for 2 busses at Rock House.
 - d. Verify parking availability near museum. Any need for transportation to afternoon event at Great Hall.
 - e. Toilet facilities at museum and homesite?
3. Saturday afternoon event at Great Hall, 2:00 P.M.
 - a. Verify Great Hall availability, permits, preparation, cleaning, etc.
 - b. Attendees limited to 250.
 - c. Keynote speaker still needed.
 - d. Tables and chairs, sound system, drapes, decorations, etc.
 - e. Further discussion of details by those involved in "Suffragist's Tea" at upcoming meeting on 3/14.
4. Saturday evening possible concert at 7:30 P.M. (Is this a ticketed event?)
 - a. Confirm availability of W.B. Congregational Church in case of bad weather.
 - b. Not yet able to find musical group to do concert.
5. Sunday afternoon events at W.B. Congregational Church.
 - a. Attendees limited to 130.
 - b. 2:00-3:00 P.M. presentation by Judith Kalaora confirmed. What are her needs?
 - c. 3:30- 4:30 P.M. instrumental concert by Samantha Gillogly and Virginia Bailey confirmed. Need bio information, photos, contact info, etc. (Virginia Bailey email is: virginiaebailey@gmail.com).
6. Sunday evening Round Table discussion at Town Hall, 7:30-9:00 P.M.
 - a. Participants limited to 6?

- b. Participants confirmed- Anne Gobi and Stephen Brewer (only man participating?). Others to be determined.
- c. Moderator (Trevor Brown?).
- d. Sound system , etc.

The above are by no means all the items discussed at the meeting. For more details, please refer to Dan's notes, to be used in upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned ca. 9:00 P.M. Next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018, Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary