

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, June 6, 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. We were joined for the early part of the meeting by Jean Strauss.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- Dan has deleted out of date items from the "Upcoming Events" section and has added the information on the August Lucy Stone events. Reportedly there have been numerous "hits" on the "Browse the Brookfields" site as a result of referrals from our site.

Indian Trail- It was decided that verbal permission from the owner on Pierce Rd. is sufficient, and therefore the revised brochures can be printed, cost to be \$395.50 for 500 copies. Dick will ensure that a copy goes to both the New Braintree and Warren Historical Commissions.

Franklin Marker- The original marker has been cleaned and re-installed, and a new granite marker has been added.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Nothing to report.

Lucy Stone- Amy reports application completed and will be submitted next week.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins are requesting an additional \$800 for unexpected work on one of the stones, and it was agreed it should be paid.

Methodist Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Master Plan- H.C. representative needed on Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Collapsed Structure- Nothing to report.

Town Hall Maintenance- Waiting for estimates for work on door, railing and granite.

Asparagus Festival- The Commission table was very busy. Thank you to members who helped.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Lucy Stone event planning. Some of the main items:

1. Jean Strauss has been in contact with local artists (Tracy Crane and Rebecca Fay) who have shown an interest in being part of the celebration, perhaps displaying works they have done. It was agreed this sounded like a good idea, and Dan will be in contact with Rebecca Fay about it.
2. Possible participation by Ye Olde Tavern was discussed.
3. Dick has been in communication with TTOR. They (Caitlin Davis) have agreed to do the event program (but details of what this means need to be clarified- do they pay cost, do they make decisions, etc.?). Also, TTOR asked that their logo be added to the flyer and that recognition be given on the flyer. Suggestion that "with the support of TTOR" be added, and Dick will talk with them about that. Also, TTOR plans to have a membership table at Rock House event.
4. Tickets: Dan will have them printed by Avery Labels for ca. \$200-300.
5. Program: Madeline Tivnan will create one program for each event.
6. Publicity: Ruth Lyons has responsibility.
 - a. Brad Miner of T&G has agreed to do continuing articles throughout summer.
 - b. A Governor's Proclamation will be read.
 - c. Flyers to be distributed at OSV.
 - d. Flyers to be distributed various other locations by members.
7. Tim O'Brien of Lucy Stone Park in Warren interested in participating. Can Saturday morning bus tour accommodate him?
8. Dan mentioned the possible future costs:
 - a. Enlargements for time-line, 15 spaces for easels with graphics (\$30 each), pencils, pins, cards- total ca. \$450 plus.
 - b. Audio system: Dan will make arrangements for audio system for both days. Unanimously approved and voted to cover \$1600 cost from England Fund, hopefully to be reduced by donations (Sherman Oil, Country Bank, etc. will be asked if they are willing).
9. Labor needed for moving tables and chairs. Whom to ask?
10. Flower arrangements for 18 tables. Who to provide?

Finally, tally (kept by Dan and Dick) of responses to invitations thus far- ca. 43. It was agreed no charge for tickets to H.C. members and their spouses.

Meeting adjourned ca. 10:00 P.M. Next regular Commission meeting September 5, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary