

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton, Jesse Morrison and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

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Website- Dan has responded to several emails, copies to members as arranged.

Indian Trail- Jesse was able to contact the property owner (Adam Gillette) who posted "no trespassing" signs near the end of Pierce Rd., and received verbal assurance that it would be o.k. to use the trail. We will need written confirmation of this, and Jesse will look into getting it. In the meantime it should be possible for Dan to complete the trail guide now, and hopefully some copies made in time for the Asparagus Festival.

Franklin Marker- Still waiting for new granite marker.

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

H.S.Scholarship- We received one application (Amy Whittemore), but unfortunately it does not meet the requirement for history-related studies and cannot be accepted.

Lucy Stone- Still waiting.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins said they needed pea stone in order to finish, and, at Dick's prompting, the highway department has provided it. Also, a clean-up of the site was recently accomplished.

Methodist Cemetery- Work is underway.

Master Plan- Same.

Collapsed Structure- Reportedly the town attorney is working on the title search.

Town Hall Maintenance- Peeling paint fixed by Bernie Bouvier. Arrangements made for granite repair, which must be done before railing can be fixed. Arrangements to move chairs made. Quotes needed in order to repair front ant Cottage St. doors.

Asparagus Festival- The Commission will again have a table, manned by members. Arrangements to be made to bring out various things from office for display- Lucy Stone flyers, brochures, Lucy Stone "oval", Indian Trail guides (hopefully), copies of book "History of West Brookfield" (for sale), obituaries, etc.

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. Dan has created a Lucy Stone flyer, with reservation form, to be distributed in various locations. Printing cost for 500 is \$90.
2. Also created by Dan: (a) a participation agreement form, which will be a legal document for the participants to sign, and (b) an invitation letter to be sent to all persons with the name Lucy Stone.
3. A few financial changes were made:
 - a. It was agreed to change the ticket price to \$5.00 for the Saturday morning, afternoon and evening events, and to \$10.00 for the Sunday afternoon event.
 - b. It was voted and unanimously approved to increase the payment to Joelle Million by \$200.00 (making a total of \$300.00), to be paid from the England Fund.
4. Other financial decisions:
 - a. \$275.00 to June Glidden for cake, unanimously voted and approved to be paid from Town Account.
 - b. \$400.00 to Old Sturbridge Village Singers, unanimously voted and approved to be paid from the England Fund.
 - c. \$500.00 honorarium to keynote speaker Regina Edmonds, unanimously voted and approved to be paid from the England Fund.
 - d. \$600.00 donation received from Quaboag Historical Society, to be deposited in HistoricDonations Account.
5. Dick created a list of potential invited guests, to be finalized.
6. Further decisions to be made at next Lucy Stone Planning Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned ca. 9:00 P.M. Next regularly scheduled Commission meeting June 6, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary

The following correction to the above minutes was received:

For the item "Indian Trail": Adam Gillette did not post the "no trespassing" signs (the property owner adjacent to him did), but owns property with a trail along side the posted property which he has given permission for people to use to gain access to the rest of the trail.