

CHICHESTER HERITAGE COMMISSION

April 15, 2021

Present: Lucille Noel, Ed Millette, Mardy Friary, Dawn Marshall, Joyce Lemay (excused)

Opened: The meeting started at 7:10 pm at the Historical Society.

Treasurer's Report: A verbal report was given. There were no expenditures this month and the budget is at \$890, the Non-lapsing Fund is \$ 2,640.15, and the Charrette Fund is 2,189.50.

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved with amendments.

Signage for the Freewill Baptist Church

Lucille contacted the current owner of the former church building with potential wording for a sign giving a brief history of the building. At this time our offer to put up the sign was declined.

Greenspace

Electrical quote - Dick Pratt, from the Historical Society, and Lucille met with Evans Electrical and got two quotes, 1) \$650 for just a drop box on the new pole and 2) \$2,000+ for an electrical line to the gazebo. (They would need more exact specifications for an exact quote on the line). They are expecting a second quote from Shawn Blay of Blay Electric. The Historical Society has discussed the proposed work but has not decided how they want to proceed. Lucille got a price of \$16.22 for a monthly access fee from Unitil.

Gardens - Joyce and Mardy did research on prices of manure and mulch. It was decided that it would be easier to work with composted manure and mulch by the bag versus a truck load. Gordon Jones of the Jones's Farm has bags of clean composted manure for \$8 a bag. It was decided that five bags would be purchased to top dress around the new plantings. It was also decided to purchase 12 bags of mulch, with the additive of Preen, to keep down weeds, at Lowe's for \$16.22 a bag. ***Election Day, Tuesday, May 11 at 10am was decided on as a time and date to spread the manure and mulch,*** as Ed and members of the fire department would be available to help with this work. Lucille said she would be available then and Mardy would be available later in the day.

Canterbury Road Maples

Lucille shared with the group that she had spoken with Joe Davis from Bartlett Tree Service and gotten prices on spraying, cleaning up the area around the trees, and replacing one dead tree. The group decided to have the spraying and clean up work done but not the replacement of the dead tree. Bartlett said they would fertilize the trees for free as they have done in the past. A motion passed to spend \$750 for these services.

Update on Granite Posts

Ed contacted Craig, the town road agent, and let him know the donated granite posts were donated to the commission to be used for future projects of the commission. There were only two posts left.

Update on Demolition Delay

Ed sent members the current demolition permit by email. He spoke with Jodi and a change in the permit does not need to go to Town Meeting. We discussed the town's current demolition permit and discussed things that we thought should be included if any new wording were to be added to the permit. Those points included having a period of delay for buildings that were of historical significance or were associated with a person of historical significance, allowing

time for the Heritage Commission and/or the Historical Society to look over a building to document it's history, and allowing time to research for alternative funding and ways to save or move the building, perhaps through the NH Preservation Alliance.

Work Session for Chichester Country Store application for NH State Historic Register

The next step in this process is to sort out all the gathered materials for the application. Dawn will work with Lucille on this. Others may join in on this work.

New Members

We discussed letting Jodi know we need new members so it can be made known at Town Meeting or in other ways. In the past there have been sign up sheets at the Town Meeting for those interested in serving on town committees and commissions. At this time, Mardy is willing to continue as Treasurer but will not be able to continue to be involved much more than that. We thanked her for her willingness to continue in that role and for the dedicated work she has done for the commission.

New Business

The Congregational Church inquired about ways to fund potential repair and renovation of their older church building including the stained glass windows. They would need to be on the NH State Historic Register in order to be eligible for funding through most in-state sources.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

Minutes submitted by Dawn Marshall