



## Minutes

### Heritage Commission Meeting – April 2, 2018

In attendance: Mary Eisner, TJ. Cullinane, Roger Konstant, Mark Marstromarino, Rosemay Fesh, and Paul Lindeman.

Visitor: Alex Guittar (reporter)

#### Association Hall Discussion

Chair brought the group up to speed on the building.

1. Building has good bones with great features – tin ceilings, moldings, masonic
2. Plaster damage
3. Action – Town Engineer look at it.
4. Explore option for have Museum and History Center, partnership with
  - a. Pinkerton – Paul to speak with Tim Butterfield
  - b. Masonic Lodge -
  - c. Robert Frost “money” – Mark to check them
  - d. Economic Development Manager Beverly Donovan – Karen to speak with Beverly
5. Recommendation to the Town Council

#### Town Historian Office Support

1. Mary to do every other week.
2. Mark will do every other Tuesday nights prior (First and third Tuesdays of the month)

#### Museum Report – Mark Mastromarino

1. Storage Unit – Tilroe bins – 2 bins of fabric.
  - a. Motion Made and seconded to decommission the 2 bins of fabric from the Tilroe collection to donate to the Arts Council or Marion Garrish Center. Approved 5-0
  - b. Video Tapes in bad shape, but Mark spoke to Owen Provencher at Community TV to see if there was a way to convert them to CD.
2. Rick Holmes – cleaning out his basement and donating items to the Museum
  - a. WWI vintage entrenchment tool
  - b. WW1 Boot cuffs
  - c. Old Derry News issue that have not been microfilmed by the library (Mark to speak with Cara Barlow to see if they will take on the project of adding them to the collection.
3. Outreach



- a. March 19<sup>th</sup> – Brownie Troop Meeting with scavenger hunt (20 Brownies and their parents came).
- b. Mom and her kids came in with some artifact that they had dug up on Sherman Drive. Including a Derry Saving Bank jar.
- c. We have a researcher with a Derry Depot Fire badge looking for help finding out who this may have belonged to in the department – possible family member.
- d. Archival Collection – Tubs – need catalog items. Mark to send Karen the list of what is needed.
- e. Mark ready to create an event to loan the portraits of the Shepard cousins to the Taylor Library. Will get with Paul for some PR and photos of the day.
- f. Visits to the Museum are picking up
- g. Mark will return to getting the WWI museum exhibit
- h. April 8<sup>th</sup> will be the next 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting – Museum will be closed so all can attend.

#### Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery – T.J. Culinane

1. Civil War Encampment for the 300<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup> - at the First Parish Church. Paul reserved the date on the Calendar - \$300 for the program.
2. 300<sup>th</sup> Meeting – possible History pageant/reenactment in the cemetery. Theater companies in town to participate. Roger ran it by the Pinkerton Players. TJ looking for someone young enough to take this on as project. Roger to speak with Matt at Pinkerton to see if there is interest in being part of the program.
3. Robert Frost poems to Chorale music. There is an initiative to bring this show to the Frost Farm. In an effort to partner with this program and possible exchange program with a group out of Philadelphia/Camden NJ. Beginning planning stages – possible 2019 event. TJ's daughter working with the PA Choir to bring a group up. More to follow.
4. Civil War Book – edited and just about ready. Paul is researching a publisher and how many copies to we want to print, ebook and hard copies for sale.
5. Molly Reid Chapter of the DAR –(Julie Pike) looking for assistance in fixing up the old flag pole in the Forest Hill's Cemetery near the First Settlers Area.
6. TJ spoke with the Derry Town Poet Laureate will contribute a poem to the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
7. Names that were missed on the memorial statue. TJ went to the monument company - \$15 per letter to engrave them on the stone. Bronze maple leaf's on the front and attach it to the monument. Hempworth Memorial can do this for us. TJ to get Karen before May 1<sup>st</sup>. There would be ceremony for the Canadian servicemen and one for the addition of the missing names to re-dedicate the memorials. (November 11, 2018 or Derryfest.)
8. Refurbishing the First Settler's Area. Removing the current fence and redoing it with chains. TJ to get a cost estimate and plan for that area.

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Paul Lindeman



1. Next Open Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:00-4:00pm. 16 people are interested in attending from Paul's Facebook post.
2. Meeting goals – brainstorm more ideas. Start getting people to take ownership of each element.
3. Meeting with the Derry Arts Council. They are ready to do an evening event on the Kick-off weekend – Gala at the Opera House. They will take ownership and run with it - keeping us in the loop for the detail.
4. Calendar so far: Paul will post on the website.

Next Meeting Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – TBD location.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm