



Derry Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2022

Call to Order 7:00pm

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson (Chairperson), TJ Cullinane, Catherine Bauman, Marc Wiseman, Elena Weymouth, and Paul Lindemann.

Friends of the Heritage Commission: Marc Siragusa, Kaleigh Pare Shauneesey and Mark Mastromarino

Chairman's Report

- Introduction of Marc Siragusa from Derry. Partner in the new "Westbrook" Event venue.
 - Marc gave us an overview of their plans for the "Westbrook" – West Book - buildout. West Running Brook district.
 - Phase 1 is up and ready. Hoping to book Chefs – Farmers' Dinner summer of 2023.
- Introduction of New Member – Elena Weymouth
- New Fiscal Starts on July 1, 2022.
 - Meeting with Mark Fleisher to establish budget for 2022 to include:
 - Storage Rental
 - Phone
 - Supplies
 - Other Professional Services
 - Printing (Printing of 2nd Edition, Coloring book, and Photo Printing)
 - Dues & Subscriptions (Ancestry, Bidnapper, eNewspaper)
 - Museum Acquisitions
 - Contract Repairs (Cemetery) - \$1,000 for FY
 - NEW: Museum Renovations
- Farmer's Market
 - June 22nd – Set up and coordination by Paul Lindemann and Kaleigh.
 - Meet on June 15th to go over potential display.
 - August 31st
 - September 28th
- Beaver Lake Improvement Society Meeting – Mark Mastromarino to speak.
 - Karen to send presentation to Kaleigh for blog posting
 - July 30th
- Display case for Ed Garone, 50th Anniversary.
 - Paul Lindemann will take the lead in getting the items for the display case.

Approved

- Plan to meet with Mike Garone to find items from the Police Department.
- Digitizing
 - Papers from Ruth Monroe – KBA to get papers to Mark M.
 - Diary from Benjamin Chase – KBA to contact Janet Rioux
- Antique Sleigh that was donated by Harriett Chase Newell's family.
 - Potential to donate to Westbrook (Marc Siragusa) is of interest.
 - Mark Mastromarino to find out more information.
 - Donations \$250 and \$50 given to Sheila.
- Derryfest
 - Planning will be at the August meeting
 - Cathy and Marc will be away, but the rest of the team will review their calendars.

Old Business

- Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery
 - Outreach to gain new membership is on hold for now. Potentially in the fall.
- Display case in the Town Municipal Center
 - Paul is taking the lead to refill them with a series of information panels about the early settlers.
- First Parish Meeting House – restoration is continuing. Flooring and Lead Paint ceiling is next project. Fund raising is ongoing.
 - Marc Siragusa offered their grant writer to see if there was some assistance she could provide.
 - Road Race has been postponed to the fall.
- Flags to be ordered
- We're back on the digitized sign at the museum.

Museum

- Survey is still active – 17 participants. No real change to the results since the last presentation from Kaleigh
 - 10 of the 17 interested in research
 - Kaleigh to send out the link again to the Commission
- Transportation theme continues to provide the central theme
- Brief story about the Derry electrical company.
- Beaver Lake blog post
- Introduction to the Jr. Historians
- WWI – James A. Fox – veteran blog.
- Exhibits – meet with Mark Mastromarino to determine artifacts to be used in the new themed area.
- Meeting next Monday, June 13th with Bev Donavon on the Trolley Tour – August 17th – Historic sites and progressive dinner. Taylor Sawmill, Adam Memorial, Frost Farm, Forest Hills Cemetery and/or Meeting House.
- Driving tours of Derry and the 300th - Paul to send links to Kaleigh.

Approved

Coach/Robert Frost Byways Committee – Cathy Bauman reported that:

- Story map is completed
- Meeting to renew its plan/charter – need crash and traffic maps –
- Support the towns that are on the byways with improvements.

Friends of the Forest Hills/Jr. Historians - TJ Cullinane reported that:

- Jr. Historians – did the historical marker cleaning
- Pinkerton Hall of Fame
 - Edmund Angell (Mark's)
 - General Thoms (TJ's nomination)
- Scottish Games invitation came, but was late in the process and we will not participate.
- Borowski Brothers stormed the beaches of Normandy on this day June 6, 1944.
 - Walter Borowski (anvil story) Walter lifted the anvil over his head 5 times.

Having no other business brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Blandford-Anderson

Chairperson, Derry Heritage Commission.