

## **Heritage Commission Special Meeting**

September 9, 2019 – Derry Museum of History – 29 W. Broadway, Derry, NH

In attendance: TJ Cullinane, Paul Lindemann, Mary Eisner, Mark Mastromarino, and Karen Blandford-Anderson.

### **Chairman Report:**

Karen reported that the Boston Post Cane Search to being again since Dot Stone's death last month. The search of the new person will be started per the process and protocol with the PR Release to the press and general public on 9/10 and 9/11.

### **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule**

Heritage Commission and 300<sup>th</sup> Nutfield Committee will be purchasing the "preservation quality" item to secure the artifacts and determine where it is stored. Options were presented at the meeting and

Motion was made by Mary Eisner to pursue the purchase an appropriate time capsule spending no more than \$1,000. Seconded by TJ Cullinane. 4 to 0 in favor. Paul Lindemann and Karen Blandford-Anderson to review and decide by 9/11 to have in time for DerryFest.

### **Forest Hills Cemetery**

TJ reset one stone, straighten up 5 headstone and cleaned 6 more.

TJ will be available for the Northern Ireland delegation that is coming and will give tours.

### **Upcoming activities:**

- Provide guided tours for visiting NI delegation on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in cooperation with the First Parish Church.
- Publish the guide for the cemetery.
- Update on-line presence and become more accessible to the public. There was an old website – [www.FriendsofForestHillsCemetery.com](http://www.FriendsofForestHillsCemetery.com) – that Dorothy Goldman created may be a place to start. Paul will look at the options to update the site or looking at scraping it and building a new one.

TJ was approached by a concerned citizen whose child was reprimanded for riding a horse in the cemetery. TJ can't find an ordinance to find out if there was one but will continue to find out if anything is located. Question is whether this is any town ordinance against horseback riding in the cemetery.

*NOTE: There are not ordinance again riding horses in the cemetery. Per Town Offices*

TJ presented the idea of publishing a newspaper piece called "Historic Derry" based on something he found in Quincy, MA. This would look like a supplement. It would contain things like present politicians, list of historic locations, families and events that are part of the town. Paul Lindemann commented that the NutfieldHistory.org site was originally set up to provide this information and going forward may be able to transition into a more town wide information resource.

Additionally, he brought the idea of "Characters Cards" of notable people from Derry.

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Citizen of Year dinner – TJ has volunteered to be the presenter of the Top Hat again this year when it comes up.

**Museum Update – Mark Mastromarino**

New acquisitions:

- Guestbook for 9 Crescent Street (Guest Home or Private) dated 1912-1944.
- Glass Negatives gifted from Ron Hayward. Mark will store them in the museum for now and potential scan them at a later date.

Progress on the A-B-C coloring book for Derry. Mark has made some Coloring Sheets.

Mark took measurement for the shoe stitching machine and is looking to move it into the area in the Shoe area. Reconfiguring the display in order to get it into the museum.

**Nutfield 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Paul Lindemann**

Derryfest and Derry After Dark Planning (document attached)

- September 21, 2019

DAR is requesting a November 9<sup>th</sup> for talk at their meeting to discuss the 300<sup>th</sup> meeting. Paul Lindemann will be on the schedule for speaking.

Rick Holmes has been invited to speak at Derryfest to help us close out the 300<sup>th</sup>. The team wants to do something to honor Rick & Carol. Coins and Tee Shirts will be presented to them at the event.

Motion to adjourn – 9:23pm

Respectfully submitted: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson