

BOW HERITAGE COMMISSION

APRIL 12th 2022 Meeting's minutes

UNAPPROVED

WELCOME- Angela Brennan as our newly appointed Select Board representative. Eric provided a copy of "100 Acres, More or Less", and the State rules to explain our significance with the State. Introductions were made around the room to welcome Angela and for her to know our crew.

GUESTS- Chris Andrews, building and facility manager.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ATTENDANCE- Eric Anderson, Chair; John Meissner, Vice Chair; Sue Wheeler, Secretary; Jim Dimick, Faye Johnson, Dave Lindquist, Don Fournier and Select Board Representative Angela Brennan were present. Absent (excused) were Dik Dagarvarian and Jen Ritz.

MINUTES – MARCH 15TH, 2022 John Meissner motioned to accept the March minutes with Jim seconding the motion. Discussion was noted and the motion passed with all in favor.

BHC FINANCIALS- Dik provided the information to Eric prior to the meeting. Heritage fund stands at \$18,927.72 and the operating budget is at \$2,668.44. Jim made a motion to accept the financial report with Don seconding the motion. All were in favor of the motion passing.

CORRESPONDENCE- Planning Board proposals were distributed around for members for input in some of the various proposals. Also included were a Humanities Council newsletter and a Preservation Alliance thank you letter for our recent renewal with them. One Planning proposal going around was the intent of replacing the utility poles (Public Service) from wood (that they are now) back to poles made from steel. Dave will plan on attending the Planning Board meeting about the poles as when the wooden ones were put in, Native American artifacts were discovered. Wood doesn't last as well in our environment as Steel would. Other Planning Board proposals did not involve the BHC's concern. Faye asks Chris about the MacCalley development. Angela tells us that the name of the road into the said property may be called Saw Mill Road as there was documentation of a saw mill in the area years back according to previous history.

OLD BUSINESS

NH State Register of Historic Places – Faye is working on these delegated places; The Old Town Hall, The Bow Center Schoolhouse and the Town Pound.

History of Indians in Bow Exhibit- Jen states that the maps of Bow on the website appear to have lot owner discrepancies. One map of the 1850's and the other pre-1800. She is still following up land use in some spots. The early maps of Bow, Jim says are confusing. Jim would like to get together with Jen and see what they can figure out about the discrepancies. She also has been researching the stone piles and cairns.

Baker Heritage Room Public Schedule- Eric suggests we open up the room for public research once a month to start. We should advertise with the Town Crier, and the BFL newsletter that comes out on the first of each month. Faye also suggests displaying things that children would be interested in to get more parents involved as well.

Bow's Heritage Days- 2022 expectations? A possible sing –a long? Sue will check with her organ player to see if she's able to come and assess the organ's ability. Hopefully all is still functional.

Grant Application for the BCS-The Bow Center Schoolhouse has to be on the State Registry before applying for any type of grant.

Carriage Shed Project for May 2027, the 300th Anniversary of the Town – Eric dispersed several photos of carriage sheds that he has taken to get an idea of what we would like. Now seems to be the time to draft up a narrative for a Capital Improvement Plan to generate money to show the Town an improvement for the use of the BBMH and its celebration of the town's 330th anniversary. There already has been a lot of money spent on the BBMH for the renovation. This shed proposal would make the facilities more useful for the Town. We need to know if Bruce Marshall is still going to continue to spearhead this endeavor. Chris asks if we have a list of what our expectations would be. The property has been surveyed and Faye has a copy of the plan. Discussion of the functionality and design were addressed by all. Chris tells us that if we want a food prep area that we are talking about a lot more money involved and State regulations have to be met. It should be ADA compliant with storage and possibly outdoor dining. We need a list of our desires for the design and function of the carriage sheds to better figure out the money to be spent. We should come up with a proposal of how we want to use the sheds for events. Possibly we could present in phases for the completion of the project. Phase #1- complete the carriage sheds with concrete slabs and "rough" in the plumbing. Phase # 2-add a well and septic design to better use the facilities. Chris would like to see a proposal by the end of August to present to CIP in September. Also, present the said proposal to the Building Advisory Committee to get a recommendation from them. Chris thinks building the actual sheds would be doable in the next couple of years. Then present phase #2 afterwards. Chris suggests the BHC use some of our money for a phase #1 building design and then a phase #2 septic design later. Sub-committee for the Shed project will be Jim, Dave and Don. Dave asked Angela what her thoughts are considering the project. She agrees with presenting in phases and having a solid plan will keep everyone on board. Sub-committee to meet next Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 at 1 pm. Chris has a building and facility meeting that evening to introduce them to this subject.

Faye reminds Chris that the signs need to go back up on the BBMH.

NEW BUSINESS

BoS Report- Nothing to report as of now. There will be more information next month.

Revisit Stone Piles- With the possibility of some stone formations being 10,000 years old, they obviously were put there for a purpose. We ought to document different sites before development. Different displays were configured for different reasons. Some were for meeting places to worship or otherwise. Astrologically some were placed for perhaps many different reasons or seasonal. Jen would be a great source of information as she is qualified in archaeology. Sometimes these historic displays have been used to stall building or development but our discoveries are NOT meant to deter, just to confirm that there were many experienced folks around before Colonial times.

Informational Tri- fold – Updates needed? Everything seems great. Faye states that we have both 100 Acres and the Bow Images broken down page by page in a three ring binder for easier copying, in storage.

Replace BBMH Shutters- Mike Wheeler had seen one of the BBMH shutters askew after a windy day and fixed the broken bracket and replaced the shutter on the upper left front side of the church. On April 19th,

2022 at 1pm the carriage shed subcommittee will meet and bring a couple of ladders for window covering removal and shutter placement for summer through fall. Painting the window coverings will be determined at another time. Faye and Sue will polish the organ and see if it still in working order.

BHC's Goals and Objectives for 2022-23 Tabled until next meeting.

BHC election of Officers for 2022-23 Tabled until next meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

BHC meeting date set for May 10th, 2022 @9am at the BFL. John will host.

BURNING ISSUES

Jim still has concerns about Bruce spearheading the Carriage Shed project.

Faye asked Chris when the work will be started on the BCS, and it is in July.

Chris got a message from Bruce. Bruce has a first draft design done. He wishes to be put back on the email list for this purpose. Survey is needed. Chris will ask Matt Taylor and Brian about a copy of that today. Bruce cannot finalize the dimensions until he has the survey report. If we want to have the sheds on the foundation stones that are visible it would determine the width. The photo of the original sheds seemed wider than what the stones suggest. Chris would like a copy of the latest layout.

Chris is meeting with Dave Stack about "pride week" to determine the possibilities of what the BHC can do to help and/or assist.

Eric had heard from Pastor Rick Huntley about the possible purchase of notecards from us to send out to parishioners who need help with gas money in the form of a debit card. This is under Pastor Huntley's lead to serve those in need. Eric printed up cards of the church with its new and improved steeple and the Pastor picked them up. Eric printed out 12 cards. Faye suggests Eric be reimbursed for ink. (Yes, it should come out of our operating budget in the form of supplies). Jim makes a motion to give the initial 12 cards as a donation to the church, but if additional cards are requested, we will charge our original price. Faye seconded the motion with all in favor.

Jim makes a motion to adjourn with John seconding the motion. All were in favor of the motion with the meeting adjourning at 10:50am.