

WISCASSET HISTORIC COMMISSION

Minutes 20 June 2019

Present: Susan Blagden, Chairman, Leslie Roberts, Vice-Chairman, Pam Logan, Secretary, and Phil DiVece.

Meeting minutes from June 6, 2019 approved by 3-0, Phil abstaining because he had not been present.

Timeline for COA submission as discussed earlier was unanimously adopted. Applications must be received on the 2nd Tuesday of the preceding month to be heard at the first Tuesday meeting, and on the 4th Tuesday of the preceding month to be heard on the second Tuesday meeting. Leslie will update Kathy for the Town website, Pam will update social media sites, Susan will update COA paperwork and give to Bruce.

Discussion of updating the Ordinance, reviewing already approved changes and recommending others. Phil will review Sections 10.1 – 10.2; Leslie 10.3 – 10.4; Susan 10.5 – 10.6; Pam 10.7 – 10.8) Susan will find out procedure for getting these changes approved for next year's warrant.

To try to start establishing a recommended materials list Leslie will research roofing; Phil, siding; Pam, windows; Susan, fences. We may be able to steer people to places where approved materials are available.

Leslie reported that the Bicentennial committee is growing. How do we want to work with that committee? Several ideas have been launched: plant heritage apple trees from each Lincoln County town; overall theme 'Making a Living'; research if, when and where the town held the vote to allow Maine to become a state; what houses were here at that time.

Steve Christiansen, audience member, suggested an Open House Day would be good. Phil suggested Selectmen consider meeting in some of our town owned historic buildings.

Steve queried why we were discussing Phil's list of Town owned properties in need of repair. Said Powder House steps were in good repair. It is the only round Powder House in the state.

Leslie said maybe we could apply for grants. Several properties are individually designated as National Historic sites.

Phil said that these are assets of the Town and should be better maintained. He suggested finding out whether there is any money left in the clock repair budget.

The next meeting will be on July 11th, a week later than usual because of the July 4th holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Susan Blagden