

Ashfield History Project
Minutes, Meeting of Sept 24, 2014
Belding Park HQ, 7 PM

Present: Phyllis Kirkpatrick, Stuart Harris, Dave Fessenden, Pat Thayer, Harry Keramidas, Corey Cusson and Don Robinson. Guest: Hans Teensma

1. HansTeensma, who will design and produce our book, joined us for a discussion of cost estimates and design issues.

We reviewed notes of his previous meeting with Board members (HK and DR) on May 18 (see memo of May 21, summarizing that meeting), and Hans's response dated June 13, which gave a preliminary estimate of costs; provided a time-line for completion of the written and graphic elements of the book and for its delivery by May 15; and anticipated an 8 x 10-page book, 250 pages long, with an unlimited number of black-and-white photos and a limited number (around 20) pages of color images, available for "under \$25 per unit, with no minimum order."

We discussed in detail how altering some of those specs might affect the bottom line. He noted that it was hard to estimate, but he will send us a memo indicating the effect of certain variables (more pages, more color images, etc.). He will also try to send us a "dummy" that we can show to people (select board, finance committee, etc.).

We also considered the cover. Will we have a dust-jacket? cloth cover? What about using the panoramic painting on the dining room walls at The Inn on Norton Hill, by Peter Kitchell, for the cover or dust-jacket? Hans will try to arrange with Peter Kitchell to think about how that might work.

2. We have about 20 articles that are not yet available in our Dropbox. PK and Corey will meet to ascertain where they are and how to make them available in electronic form and in our Dropbox.

3. PK reported on various articles she has been working on

- Jackie Cooper's interviews with four veterans (Bob Robertson, Linea Gabriel, Paul Monohon and Ed Fuller) are completed and that project for us almost finished.
- Wendy Pree and Susan Todd are working on the Ashfield dinners
- Peg Allen and PK are polishing the Country Pie Pizza article
- Ron Johnson's articles for the Ashfield News will give us good material on the geological history of the area
- Buz Eisenberg has spoken with PK about the town moderator, moving his house and representing prisoners at Guantanamo; she hopes to write up that interview.

4. The following articles were found ready to be forwarded to Chris Jerome for copy-editing

- Ron Coler on Belding Park
- Doug Field on the Fire Department
- Tom McCrumm on maple sugaring

5. Further work is needed on

- Mark Zenick on the Franklin Land Trust; also Hubbard's note on recent developments (PK will integrate them)
- Nancy Garvin's article from the Historical Society Newsletter about cemeteries
- Several short pieces sent to us by Brad Fitzgerald (DR will prepare them)

6. DR noted that Brad Fitzgerald had sent a DVD with about 200 images of Ashfield that he has taken and collected over the last half-century. Brad has done his best to identify the people and places in these pictures. Perhaps we can identify others.