

Ashfield Historical Commission
Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2010

Present: Steve Gougeon, Mollie Babize, Nancy Garvin, Gerard McGovern

Meeting commenced at 7:40 pm

Minutes

Minutes of 27 May 2010 were approved.

Sanderson Class and Spruce Corner School House

The tour was very successful; the kids asked a lot of questions, and seemed very engaged.

Spruce Corner Social

Tristan told Steve it was an excellent gathering with a lot of new people in attendance, including Sonam. Tristan is reportedly talking with abutters to see if anyone is willing to donate or provide an easement for parking, since that is the real limitation of using the schoolhouse. Since so much of the history is in the memories of many of the older residents, the Commission thought it would be a good idea to get some oral history on tape. (Perhaps a film with Dave Fessenden?)

Barn Tour

Jack Sobon agreed to lead the next tour of Ashfield barns on Saturday, October 2, the weekend before Fall Festival. If we think there is enough diversity of barns in the center of town, a walking tour sounds great to him. Among the possible barns:

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| Historical Society | Nancy says they are interested; no photos of any contents are allowed; Don Lesure is there every Saturday 10-12 and can let us inside to see the structure. |
| Virginia Paige | Nancy spoke with her by phone; they are not coming up this year; she will contact Tim Hall who has care of the property and is coming up here in July to see if we can view it. They are very protective of the property since they are not here much of the time. |
| Pacosa/Cain | Gerard reports they are fine with including their barn. |
| Whitney/Lussier | Steve says Faye may be willing to allow a smaller group; he will continue to speak with her. Some concern about contamination, but perhaps visitors could wear paper booties. |
| Inn @ Norton Hill | Mollie spoke with Nan, who says the barn is full of stuff, but is willing to include it on the tour. |
| Sue Nye | Tristan was to speak with her, but was not present at the meeting. |

Other possibilities:

- Ouimette barn on South Street, built by Ralph Pease
- Chandlers' on Main St [Mollie spoke with Rick and Susie after this meeting, and they also are very willing to let us look at it – any additional information we or Jack could supply is more than welcome!]

The Commission agreed to look at the barns on Sunday, July 18th – each member will check with the owners to make sure that date is OK with them.

Town Hall Committee

Last meeting of the Town Hall Committee focused on costs, according to Nancy. Wayne Gardner will speak with ADA people about his ideas for the exterior ramp. Select Board will appoint a Town Hall "steward" to meet with groups prior to using the building to outline procedures, be there during events, and enforce use policy.

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Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, July 22, 2010, 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mollie Babize.