

Ashfield Historical Commission
Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2010

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

Meeting commenced at 7:31 pm

Minutes

Minutes of 29 April 2010 were approved.

Sanderson Class and Spruce Corner School House

Tristan reported on his conversation with Historical Society people about the Spruce Corner Schoolhouse – the only remaining schoolhouse that hasn't been converted into private ownership as a home. His grandmother (Joan Samson) initiated the neighborhood trust that now owns it, and they will be holding a local neighborhood meeting on Saturday June 12th, 2:00 pm, to discuss maintenance and propose a \$10 per year family dues to help cover expenses.

Carol Fisher will take her Sanderson 3rd grade class there June 8th; Tristan, Steve and Alden Gray will be there as well as several parents and 21 children. They will then go to the Spruce Corner cemetery, where Nancy will talk about those buried there.. If time, Steve will host them at the stone bridge off Smith Road.

Barn Tour

Steve, Tristan and Mollie met Sunday May 9th to take a look at Main Street barns (and photograph them from the street), and develop a list of potential barns for a town center barn tour in the fall. Mollie sent a disk of Steve's photos to Jack Sobon, who is interested and has reserved the weekend of October 2-3 for a tour. That's the weekend before Fall Festival. The Commission agreed that Saturday afternoon was preferable. Members of the Commission will contact owners of those barns we'd like to include (Paige barn: Nancy; Whitney barn: Steve; Inn at Norton Hill: Mollie; Pacosa/Cain barn: Gerard; Nye barn: Tristan; Historical Society: Nancy). The Carter barn is another possibility. We'll confirm the list at the next meeting. Schedule a mid-July date to take a closer look at the barns with Jack, with permission of the owners. The previous tour was a sell-out at \$20/person (including the barn booklet by Bonnie Parsons, published by Highland Communities Initiative); we might limit to 25-30 instead of 40 as last time. Ask Jack if he's willing to do it a second time if oversubscribed.

Terms

Mollie, Gerard and Steve all agree to re-up for another three years. The Select Board must reappoint.

e-mails

All emails among Commission members must be submitted to the town administrator; Steve will do that on behalf of all of us.

Town Hall Committee

Nancy showed plans by Wayne Gardner for creating a barrier-free parking area and ramp on the east side of the Town Hall. Commission members agreed it does not appear to detract from the architecture. Interior issues still need to be worked out.

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Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, June 24, 2010, 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mollie Babize.