

Belmont Heritage Commission – February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

January meeting was cancelled due to snowstorm.

Members attending: Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Ben Rolfe, Jillian Rolfe, and Claire Bickford (phone conference), Jack Donovan. **Absent members:** Selectman Patten. **Approval of November 17, 2022 minutes:** Motion to accept by Priscilla and seconded by Jack and unanimously approved. **Meeting:** called to order at 6:10 P.M. Financial report- balance as of January 2023 \$43,645.06

Old Business:

A. <u>Tioga Trail Sign Update-</u> Vicki will contact Batten Sign Company to get a scheduled date for trail sign to be put in this Spring.

B. <u>Penstock</u> - At Selectmen's Meeting in December and discussion of Penstock it was decided to address safety concerns through efforts of DPW.

C. **Questionnaires-** Due to cancellation of the January meeting (snowstorm) the questionnaire session was canceled as well. We decided to table this session till April and Claire's return.

D. <u>Heritage Awards</u> - A motion was made by Priscilla last month for Vicki to purchase frames for the Community awards. Money was not needed as Vicki repurposed frames that were not used last year.

E. <u>Senior Citizen's Project</u> - The Soup and Crackers collection by BES was very successful. BG Hockey also contributed with their can drive. Hannaford in Gilford donated a \$50.00 card which was used to purchase eggs. The Heritage Commission went to BJ's and purchased \$200.00 of assorted can goods, dairy items and paper goods and dairy. The Valentine's Day surprise to the Seniors at the Housing complex was successful. We also made a donation to the Got Lunch Program in Gilford since the BG hockey team consists of Gillford players as well. The Baptist Church was our last drop off of canned goods. The Valentine's Day Food Drive was a very successful project with many hands that helped out greatly.

F. <u>Historical Society</u> - By invitation of the Historical Society president Bill, Vicki and Jack were given a tour of the Province Meeting House. Exterior was renovated years ago through a grant but the interior needs a lot of work. Bill is very dedicated to the care of the building and also concerned for its future.

New Business

A. <u>NH Division of Historical Resources</u> A letter was sent to the commission letting us know that a house in Belmont has been nominated to the National Register of Historical Places. The Chairman of the Heritage Commission sent a letter representing the Commission in support of the nomination.

B. New Banners - Discussed install of banners and brackets around the Pavillion. Since banners are ordered through the sign company we will re-think after the Trail sign is installed.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 16, 2023 6:00 P.M. at the Belmont Mill 4th floor

Respectfully Submitted (Secretary Ben Rolfe) _____