



## **Belmont Heritage Commission – September 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Members attending:** Vicki Donovan, Ben Rolfe, Jillian Rolfe, and Claire Bickford, Jack Donovan. Adam Riberio. **Absent members:** Priscilla Annis, Selectman Ciampi. **Approval of August 12, 2023 minutes:** Motion to accept by Jack, seconded by Jack and unanimously approved. **Meeting:** called to order at 6:03 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 6:59.

### **Old Business:**

**A. Old Home Day** -OHD was a success.... Perfect spot thanks to Sharon and Danielle. The Picture Walk made a great entrance to our booth. Historical buildings and landmarks were enlarged and laminated. Sentences giving information about each piece was also by each picture. A suggestion was made to display them on the Tioga Trail. The Children's Games were a big hit and we sold \$23.50 worth of hats and suncatchers. Unanimously want to make suggestion that it would be great to have same spot next year.

**B. Banners**- Ron Mitchell spoke to us about working together with the American Legion to address new, replacement and organization of banners for the town. They have plans to also repair/replace their Patriotic ones. We discussed our inventory and brainstorming we have already done on banners. Jack will try to attend their next Legion meeting on the 28th to share our information. We definitely want to pursue working with their organization to enhance the town's historical and patriotic symbolism through the banners and placement of them.

**C. Community Heritage Awards**- Community awards will be presented to Sara Mirski and Peter Spencer for the restoration of the Dudley- Gilman Homestead and for being listed to the National Register of Historic Places. Diane Marden will receive posthumously an award for all of the historic and heritage work she has done for the town. The awards will be given out during the Selectmen's Meeting on October 18th.

**D. Heritage and Historical Society Meeting**- Plans are in the works to meet with the Historical Society in Oct or Nov. to discuss location, storage and preservation of artifacts. Looking to take care of items given to historical society handed mostly down from Sue Roberts and Wallace Rhodes. With both groups goal of being able to display them in a safe dry place and to make this available and accessible to townspeople.

### **New Business**

**A. Senior Citizen's Food Drive** - General consensus was to plan another Food Drive for 2024. Vicki will contact BES and Senior Housing Coordinator for their input.

**B. Belmont History Involving Youth** - Ron Mitchell interested in getting information out to Belmont Youth about the town's history. Members informed him of the programs already in place at the elementary school and about the DVD available at the Belmont Library. DVD depicts video interviews put together by the Heritage Commission of different townspeople from the 150th Celebration. Ron mentioned getting in touch with the BHS Vice Principal and the Superintendent to get a program together. Vicki will work on an outline first since this is something that was tried before 2020.

**NEXT MEETING October 19, 2023 6:00 P.M. at the Belmont Mill 1st floor**

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ben Rolfe, Heritage Commission Secretary**