



Belmont Heritage Commission – November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Members attending: Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Claire Bickford, Ben Rolfe, and Jillian Rolfe and Victoria Riberio, Belmont High School Representative

Absent members: Selectman Patten

Meeting: called to order at 6:15 pm

Approval of October 21, 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept by Jack and seconded by Ben and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- A. Discussion of Sargent Fund application. After much discussion it was decided to apply for funding to help with cost of the new Trail sign, install and security. Sign would state history of Train Depot and be same design like the granite posted signs in village area.
- B. A community member (Ron) who came to us in 2021 made a request about getting a sign erected concerning Native American history near Belmont beach area. Some information is stated in Wallace Rhodes' book. Members discussed that more documented information is needed before making a decision on next step. It was suggested to invite Ron back to get more details to his request. Also needed is more information and follow up research for accurate info.
- C. Final edit suggestions were discussed on the Oral History Video which was sent to members to review last month from the videographer.
- D. Penstock update given by Jack Donovan: He has been in contact with the Preservation Alliance. They referred him to several engineers and he will report next month on his findings.
- E. Community Heritage Awards were given to Alvin Nix Jr. on November 15th at the Selectman's meeting. He graciously thanked the commission and Selectmen. On November 17th at the Gale School lot the *Save the Gale School Committee* also received their awards. They were also very grateful to be recognized.
- F. Community Project, *Soup for Seniors*, done with *Belmont Elementary School* and *United Way* was successful especially to Belmont senior shut ins. Susan Roache from *Senior Friends of Belmont* helped in distribution to *Senior Housing at Heritage Apartments*. Members discussed looking forward to continue this project next year and build onto what we accomplished this year.
- G. Motion made to cover reimbursement for unexpected higher cost toward frames for awards and food for bags. Motion made by Jillian and seconded by Priscilla. Motion unanimously approved for both items.
- H. Group discussion to not meet in December due to closeness of holiday and date of meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: At 6:52 pm **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 20, 2022, 2021 @ the Belmont Mill @6:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____ Priscilla Annis (Secretary)