



## **Belmont Heritage Commission – September 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members attending:** Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Claire Bickford, Ben Rolfe, and Jillian Rolfe.

**Absent members:** Selectman Patten and Victoria Riberio Belmont High School Representative

**Meeting:** called to order at 6:05 pm

**Approval of June 17, 2021 Minutes:** Motion to accept by Jack and seconded by Ben and unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

- a. Meeting dates and times approved by members for 6:00P.M. at the Belmont Mill for third Thursday of the month.
- b. Belmont Elementary has requested teaming up with Heritage Commission for a community project for United Way Volunteer Day. Members brainstormed several suggestions for a project and came up with a Senior Citizens theme. Vicki will get back to the guidance counselor at BES and report back at October meeting on their decision.
- c. Nominations were discussed for the Heritage Awards. A bit more information is needed to solidify nomination.
- d. Naming of second bridge was thought that those who worked on it should be contacted for their input, as well as getting in touch with Selectmen. Not really sure who should name it. A couple ideas were suggested, but is it the Heritage that makes the final decision? A town survey perhaps?

### **Old Business:**

- a. 10 new *Welcome to Belmont* banners appropriated through Heritage funds went up on Main Street and in front of the Belmont Mill just in time for Old Home Day. Also noted through Town Administrator, (Jeanne) that the same company that made banners also made the informational signs around town. Since we are looking at putting a sign up about the history of Slippery Rock Bridge and the Trail this is great feedback for this project.
- b. Questionnaire update: Decided that a subcommittee would need to meet to gather and document information from responses and then report back at monthly meeting. Questionnaires subcommittee would start after video is completed.
- c. Jack in touch with Preservation Alliance on steps needed to evaluate Penstock and possible grant help.

### **Ron's suggestions discussed:**

Vicki located Sanbornton booklet but no information in it about Native Americans. Commission decided that sign near Winnisquam Point for history of Native Americans will need more research for more documented information. The only information we have presently is two sentences from Wallace Rhodes from his Belmont book. Also, town markers for the Main roads idea question as to how it should be done, but the why certainly would help new arrivals to town and even give history for current Belmont residents. Many steps for approval after definition of project is clearly stated.

**Meeting Adjourned:** At 7:10 pm **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ the Belmont Mill @6:00p.m.