

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
HERITAGE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Municipal Building, Council Room
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Robert Washburn, Chairman (5:04 pm)
Barry Sites, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman, Secretary
Bonnie Young
Sharon Dunbar
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Shirley Whittemore, Chairman
Katie Ouilette

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

1. Call to order & quorum

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm, quorum was present.

2. Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Heritage Council Meetings to be approved.

Motion by Evalyn Bowman to approve the December 7, 2021 Heritage Council Minutes as written. Seconded by Bonnie Young. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Items for Discussion:

A. Dudley Corner Schoolhouse

Barry said no new developments at this time. They just have to wait until they can get someone out there and be able to look underneath the building. Bonnie mentioned that the Mechanic Street School has been put out to bid by the town to be sold.

B. Boston Post Cane

Rob said he finally got an invoice from Jesse Lacasse and he brought it into Cindy. It has been paid already. Rob said we now have 2 backup canes if they need them and they are stored in the Planning Office. Barry said he has never seen one before. Cindy brought one of the replicas in to show them. Rob said it would be nice to be able to somehow put the persons name on it that is receiving it. Bonnie said she had a small name plate made at Russakoffs to put on a frame and it only cost her around \$35.00.

Evalyn said that Irene Dumont is now 104 years old and still doing.

C. Abner Coburn Day

Rob said this year the event will be held at the Margaret Chase Smith Library on March 22, 2022. He said he is hoping that they don't have to cancel it again this year like the past 2

years. He will put the banner up again and we can send out the invitations again. Cindy said if anybody has any new people that they would like to invite just get her the names and addresses for them.

D. Margaret Chase Smith Day

Evalyn said that she will be in touch with David and will hopefully bring in the proclamation in the next week or so.

E. Speakers/ Guests/ Show & Tell

Rob said he is hoping to be able to plan this during the April meeting and maybe start it in May.

4. Items by Members:

Rob announced that they have lost a very valuable member of the Heritage Council. Katie Ouelette passed away recently and she will be sadly missed. Her knowledge of the history of Skowhegan and surrounding areas will never be replaced. Evalyn said she has spoken with Katie's daughter and they are planning a service when the weather is better.

Evalyn said she was given this book a long time ago that she brought in tonight. It is called The Early Settlers of Canaan by Eben Weston. She can't remember who gave it to her but it is very interesting. She said Watler Lessard then got ahold of all of this material and typed up the book. The reason she brought it in is because within the book she came across the obituary for Abner Coburns brother as well as other members of his family.

Evalyn said she is planning to give this book to the History House in the spring. She offered if Rob would like to take it home to read it through and then she can get it back to him in the spring. Rob said he would love that.

5. Items by the Public:

None

Motion by Barry Sites to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm. Seconded by Bonnie Young. Motioned passed 4-0.

Minutes Approved: _____, 2022

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