

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

PRESENT:

Robert Washburn, Chairman
Barry Sites, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman, Secretary
Bonnie Young
Sharon Dunbar
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

1. Call to order & quorum

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm, quorum was present.

2. Minutes of the February 1, 2022 & March 1, 2022 Heritage Council Meetings to be approved.

Motion by Evalyn Bowman to approve the February 1, 2022 & March 1, 2022 Heritage Council Minutes as written. Seconded by Barry Sites. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Items for Discussion:

A. Dudley Corner Schoolhouse

Barry said right now he is still trying to find someone to be able to look under the flooring to make sure it is safe for them to open it to the public. He said the building is pretty empty right now. Rob said there should be a small woodstove and some old desks and chairs in there that were moved out of the Mechanic Street school. Barry said he will get the key from Cynthia and go take a look inside to see exactly what is there. Barry said they should also look into seeing if it is covered under the town's insurance as well before they have groups in there. Rob said he also heard that the Mechanic Street School is up for sale. Cynthia said it did go out to bid and has been awarded to Jason Cooke. It just needs to go to town meeting for approval. Evalyn said that SCAG had raise a lot of money and did a lot of work in that building including a new bathroom and flooring.

B. Boston Post Cane

Evalyn said that Irene Dumont (the current Boston Post Cane holder) is still doing well and is strong as can be. Evalyn asked if we knew who would be next in line for the cane. Rob said we had a list a while ago but he said it probably needs to be updated.

C. Abner Coburn Day

Rob said it was another good event. He said there was about 10-15 people and had a really good discussion. He was very pleased with the interior photos that Doug Corson had provided to them. Rob said he didn't even realize that there were stained glass windows inside. There were also pictures of the fire places inside. Rob said he was surprised that all of the fireplaces had been redone in marble but there was still one original brick fireplace inside. Rob said he thinks that after looking at the photos that the building is still in pretty solid shape other than maybe some new wiring and cosmetic work. He said the only concern he might have is with the wooden columns in the front.

Rob said next year it will probably be held either at the court house or the library. If anybody has any new ideas for next year, please share them.

D. Margaret Chase Smith Day

Rob said that Margaret Chase Smith Day has been approved by the Selectmen for August 26th. He said at the meeting they had asked why that date and at first, he couldn't remember but it came to him that that was the day that women were given the right to vote. Evalyn said that David Richards has said that he can run it and would welcome any help from the council. Rob said we should contact him and invite him to either their June or July meeting so they can see what he is planning. Cynthia said the meetings will be on June 7th or July 5th. Rob said that the July meeting might be hard because of the holiday. Evalyn said she might not be here in July. It was decided to invite David Richards to either the June 7th or August 2nd meeting and cancel the July 7th meeting.

E. Speakers/ Guests/ Show & Tell

Rob said that at the next meeting he can look into bringing his Skowhegan pennants for show & tell. Evalyn said then maybe next time they can look at doing some postcards.

Rob said another thing he has is a lot of the old glass pharmacy bottles from Skowhegan.

Bonnie said that her husband also collects those and maybe she could have him bring some in as well. Rob said that would be great.

4. Items by Members:

Barry gave the flash drive with the Heritage Council brochure on it to Rob.

5. Items by the Public:

None

Motion by Evalyn Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm. Seconded by Bonnie Young. Motioned passed 5-0.

Minutes Approved: _____, 2022
