TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
HERITAGE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Council Room, Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:
Shirley Whittemore, Chairman
Robert Washburn, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman, Secretary
Katie Ouilette
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:
Gail Kay
Barry Sites
Andrew Russakoff

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Perkins

1. **Call to order & quorum**
   Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm, quorum was present.

2. **Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Heritage Council Meetings to be approved.**

Motion by Evalyn Bowman to approve the December 4, 2018 Heritage Council Minutes as written. Seconded by Katie Ouilette. Motion passed 4-0.

3. **Items for Discussion:**

   A. **Dudley Corner Schoolhouse**
      Shirley said she had a call from someone recently but she can't remember who it was but they were talking about having the Dudley Corner School turned back over to the town. Cindy said she believes that the town owns it currently and the Heritage Council has been allowed to make the improvements to it over the years. Chris Perkins said he also believes that the town owns it as well. He said many years ago the JC's used to hold meetings out there.

   B. **Boston Post Cane**
      Evalyn said that Irene Dumont is still going strong and loved getting the cane this year. Rob said that one of his projects this winter is to get a list of all of the 600 towns that has a Boston Post Cane and help Jesse Lacasse try and sell the replica canes that he has made for us to those towns. Chris said it is nice to see that happening in town again. Cindy said it has been mentioned to her that if the Heritage Council would like to possibly display the original cane here in the town off ice then they could do that and maybe add a plaque showing the names of the people that have been given it throughout the years. Rob said

that might be a good idea so everyone would be able to see it.

C. Abner Coburn Day
   - Planning and Invitations
   Rob said they will be at the court house this year on March 22nd from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
   Katie asked how many can the room seat. Rob said he thinks it's around 50 people.
   Evalyn said something they might want to think about in the future is having it on a
   weekend day so more people could attend. Rob said we can but we will have to find a
   facility that is open on the weekend to be able to hold it. He said he thinks next year Abner
   Coburn's birthday might fall on a weekend and maybe we could have it back here at the
   Municipal Building. Chris said they should have Channel 11 cover Abner Coburn Day
   again this year as well. He said he can mention it to John Harlow tomorrow. Rob said he
   has some new information about the Civil War and Abner Coburn. Rob also showed them
   some new stamps he has bought with the Abner Coburn ship name on them that he found
   made from a country named Nevis in the Caribbean.
   Katie has come up with a large list of people to invite to Abner Coburn Day. Rob said
   that's a great list but we just need to get some addresses for these people to make it easier
   for Cindy to send them out.

D. Interviews with senior citizens/ old house research
   Rob reminded then that the History House is already doing a registry of old homes in
   Skowhegan and they are also doing interviews with seniors. He doesn't think we should be
   duplicating what they are doing and maybe they could work with them instead. Evalyn
   said she will try and contact the people in charge over there and invite them to the next
   meeting. Rob said the person she will want to speak to is Patricia Horine.

E. Local Cemeteries
   Evalyn said she talked to Carol Lam and she won't give them any of the information she
   has on worked on for the cemeteries. Evalyn said she will try to talk to Carol's son Travis
   Works.

4. Items by Members:

5. Items by the Public:

 Motion by Evalyn Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Seconded by Rob Washburn.
Motioned passed 4-0.

   Minutes Approved: ____February 5____, 2019

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