

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting of June 5, 2018

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Michael King, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orland, Brad Simon, Jeffrey Waingrow

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of May 4 were accepted as presented.

Historical Register Updates:

Smoke House: All Form B paperwork is complete. Brad will forward copies to Mass Historical Commission, the Mark Dewey Research Center, Bushnell Sage Library and the files of the Historical Commission.

CSL's: no action to date

Lime Kiln Project: A brief discussion ensued relative to the letters to be sent to Steve Smith, AT Cultural Resources Committee and Dan Bolognani, Executive Director of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (Upper Housatonic Valley NHA). Michael King will review the most recent draft and Catherine Miller will do final edit return to all Commission members for action.

Michael King shared with the Commission a video he and Bill Cary had prepared on the Lime Kiln project. Interviews with Michael King and Arthur Batacchi, Sr. each commenting on the kiln area, its history and structure. While it was the first cut of the project which involved ten hours of filming and fifteen hours of editing, it was a very good piece of work which demonstrates the state of the site, the need for remediation and the importance of what took place there.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the work was an excellent beginning for what will be a long term project. Michael King has ordered a professional recording device which will improve the sound quality of future recordings. Jeff Waingrow will contact Barbara Delmolino to inquire about existence of old photos of the site and activity thereon. Michael King will locate a consent form for use with all persons who are interviewed, photographed or on the site of any footage being taken. Brad Simon will investigate password protection levels for U Tube and VIMEO. Dennis Sears will have the binder prepared by Lynn Wood converted to a flash drive and CD. Once the flash drive is ready, it will be duplicated and copies sent to Steven Smith of the AT and Dan Bolognani of the Upper Housatonic Valley NHA. The timeline for this is by the beginning of September 2018. Dennis Sears will advise the Massachusetts Historical Commission of the project, once the consent forms are signed.

Bill Cary, videographer and film editor has donated approximately 25 hours to date and Michael King estimates that by the end of summer there will be at least 50 hours contributed to the cause. On a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/Simon), it was voted to provide William Cary with a \$300 honorarium for his efforts to date and going forward through the summer. (6-0-0)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine B. Miller, Clerk