

## Heritage Committee Minutes

August 12, 2015

Present: John, Mary, Bonnie, Julie, Pam and Kathy. With Liz absent, Pam took notes.

We approved the June minutes with one amendment.

Dam removal – We have done our part, but the dam isn't coming out this year. It seems the fish need a specially cut channel in order to swim upstream and the DES is not issuing a permit until this happens. Possibly in 2016.

Winter Street Cemetery: Bonnie has done a lot of research on this and has found somebody who professionally restores old cemeteries. This company – Gravestone Services of New England – wants \$21000 to do one hundred headstones. What about grants? LCHIP might give a grant specifically to remove trees but LCHIP is a 5/50 deal, plus LCHIP lost its funding in the budget crash. Would it be easier to get a grant if the cemetery were on the National Register? Probably but that would take still more time. There is some money in the budget and we could ask for more. Julie will talk to the town manager to see what he thinks is the best way to proceed. We will at least budget to try to get the cemetery listed. And Bonnie will write an impassioned letter to the editor when the budget is being worked on – look what Portsmouth and Newmarket have done with their old cemeteries.

How about the CLG grant possibility? That won't happen this year.

Demolition review: John, Bonnie and Pam walked through the charming 1920s cottage at 102 High Street Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate what is being done and easily agreed to tearing down the porch (an obvious addition) the garage and the roof, which has structural issues. John will write the letter.

Other Business: WE discussed the Land Use board questionnaire and adjourned at quarter to eight.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Gjettum