

Portland Rideau Historical Society (PRHS)
 Minutes
 February 20, 2019
 Home of Tom Sled
 2.p.m.

Attendance: Tom Sled, Larry Cochran, Doug Bond, Pat Evans, Betty James, Diane Haskins, Carolyn Bresee (guest) Absent: Brian Preston, Bert Pedro

Approval of Minutes: Tom Sled read the minutes. Approval of minutes delayed to next meeting when Brian will be present.

Business Arising from Minutes

1) Passenger Shelter:

- Diane and Tom meet with Rideau Lakes Township staff to discuss Passenger Shelter. Total Cost is estimated to be \$26,000- Community must raise at least \$7000. Tom has offered to take the lead on behalf of PRHS. Meeting to be arranged with Portland Hall Board will and beautification Committee to discuss. Tom and Diane have confirmed with RLT staff that 13,000 is allotted for Passenger Shelter. Other funds may be also available. Mary Ellen Truelove to confirm. Carolyn Bresee reported that it was in pre-approved budget.
- Diane expressed concern that \$26,000 is an estimate from 1995 and that cost may be higher. Tom indicated that we would only commit once estimates were in by contractors.
- Larry has initial plans which have been submitted to Township.
- Carolyn Bresee pointed out that Request for Proposal would need to be submitted
- First step is that Michelle Jones set up meeting with Parks Canada as approval required **(Action required -Tom)**
- Larry has completed drawings but cannot complete until he knows how the dock has been constructed. Betty advised that she believes that Greg Fleming did original restoration of dock platform **(Action required- Larry)**

2) Kingsmill Plaque

- Plan that it would be completed this summer
- Tom is inviting Peter Kingsmill, grandson of Admiral Kingsmill to attend the unveiling once dates have been set for the ceremony.
- There were some concerns expressed about the length of the narrative for the plaque. Since Brian was not at the meeting and he has dimensions of plaque, the final suggested wording etc., further discussion was not possible. (Note change*)
- Betty suggested that if more space for further narrative required, a brochure could be available nearby.

3) Anglican Church

- Tom expressed disappointment that Ontario Trillium Grant was not approved. There may be other grants which we could consider for restoration of a church.
- Meeting was to be set up with Bishop but he has taken a leave. Decide to go to see Alex and Acting Bishop as soon as possible.
- It was suggested that Tom, Doug and Betty and as well as Carolyn (representing the Township) proceed with setting up a meeting with the Acting Bishop. (**Action required-Tom**)
- Tom and Doug to get feedback from Trillium Grant as to why it was turned down. (**Action required -Tom**)
- Betty to contact Tax Department to get valuation and to ascertain whether church is paying taxes yet. (**Action required-Betty**)

4) AGM – Sunday, April 28, 2019 qt 2 pm

- Joan Delaney is confirmed as the guest speaker meeting
- Suggestion that notification be placed on Big Rideau Lake Association website (**Action required ?**)
- Larry will make a flyer for distribution (**Action required- Larry**)
- Tom to contact Lake 88.1 (**Action required Tom**)
- Larry will contact Leila about getting a notice into Community and Recreation (although deadline was Feb 14 and it may be too late) (**Action required-Larry**)
- Betty offered to make some sweets (**Action required-Betty**)
- Tom suggested there should be a membership drive at the AGM (**Action required-Tom?**)

5) Treasurer's Report

- Larry indicated that there was a balance of \$1,380 plus \$30 received at meeting for membership dues. The account is now online
- Tom asked if the cheque for Gary Pedro was ready for signing. Larry indicated it was with Brian who was absent from the meeting.

New Business

1) Hedge at Kingmill site at Emmanuel Cemetery

- Betty confirmed that no one is maintaining it.
- Diane proposed and it was agreed that PRHS assume the cost of hedge clipping

2) Leeds Heritage Days – May 25, 2019

- Diane indicated that the committee has decided that the day will be museums-focussed.

- Tom suggested that PRHS should aim for unveiling of plaque and invited local dignitaries during Heritage Day.
- 3) Other
- It was noted that Kingsmill Historical Markers left off list of historical plaques on new website. Mary Ellen Trulove to be contacted. (**Action required-Tom**)

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 20th.

Minutes taken by Pat Evans