

LYNDEBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 29, 2011 Tarbell Library

Members present: Bob Rogers, Jessie Salisbury, Stephanie Roper, Lorraine Strube, and Jen Dumont.

Jen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of Jan. 27 were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Lorraine.

There was no meeting in February because of conflicts.

METAL DETECTOR USE POLICY

After some discussion of a request received by the Souhegan Valley Land Trust to use a metal detector at Purgatory Lower Falls, the following will be forwarded to the town office:

There should be none allowed at all in cemeteries. Any objects involved with a burial should remain where they are.

We are reluctant to allow any digging on town property other than by town permit to a recognized archeologist, such as at the supposed site of Native American burials near Badger Pond, or for maintenance work such as water lines.

There are liability issues connected with digging that would need to be addressed.

Other towns' policies should be reviewed.

OLD STONE CULVERTS

Word was received that a stone culvert has been collapsed by a logging operation on French Road. Since such culverts are under the jurisdiction of the commission, the following points were discussed:

The culvert should be restored at the logger's expense under town supervision.

The commission should be notified of all intent-to-cut applications so that the area can be checked for structures.

If the town provides a cover sheet to prospective loggers, the following note should be included: "This operation is subject to inspection by members of the Heritage Commission to observe stone walls, culverts, cellar holes, or other structures, prior to work being done."

OTHER

It was agreed that Jim Bingham needs to be reminded again that the Heritage Commission has to be part of any discussion of renovations, additions, etc., of historic buildings including Citizens' Hall and the Town Hall. To date, the commission has received no notification of meetings.

Jen, as chairman, should be receiving any communications from the town office.

The secretary will write a letter. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Secretary

The secretary received an email the following morning, March 30, from Mike Decubellis with a picture of damage to the Woodward Monument on Center Road, apparently by a snow plow. The picture has been attached to these minutes for the record.