

Meeting Minutes
In Person 7 pm @ Town Hall
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
(Rescheduled for July 5th 2023)
Stoddard Conservation Commission

Members Present: Geoff Bob: **Excused** Jason : Jaelynn

Guests: Terri LaRoche, Kathy Durwood, Don Healy, Sabine Duran, Craig Walker, Charles Fossbury, Richard Whitney (presentation of his LBF donated artwork)

Agenda:

1. **Approve Minutes** of May 24, 2023 Meeting: motion by Jason; second by Jaelynn:
Approve May 24, 2023 minutes: 3-0
2. Budget Update
3. Richard Whitney appears as guest: Introduced his LBF (Whitney original) Painting and gave explanation behind the incentive, the challenges of doing justice to the LBF, his contribution to the LBF fundraising effort
4. Discuss options for copies of original art. Agreed to the following:
 - a. Samples of the 18 x 24 Wood panel print, stretch canvas and paper prints and stationary, would be on display at the August for folks to view and order. **Cost estimate: \$40/each.**
 - b. Wooden panel (recommended) v. Stretched Canvas or Paper Prints: Group decided to order up to 20 wooden panels made up for the 8/19/23 celebration: top donors; 1 for JFES; 1 for town offices (town hall?).
Estimate cost: \$900
 - c. Stationary choices: 500 stationary cards to be printed for gifts at celebration, thank you notes, and for sale in packages of 5 cards for \$20.
Cost for 500 stationary: \$500.00
 - d. Motion by Jason K. to appropriate up to \$1,500 for the purchase of 500 stationary cards with envelopes (50 wrapped in packages of 5); Up to 20 wooden panels. All provided by NE Art Reproduction, Mike Torska. Seconded by Jaelynn S.; **Voted 3-0 to approve.**
5. **Discussion: August 19 celebration:**
 - a. Reviewed proposal from Free Range Chick Catering that was obtained by Don Healy who will host the event at Lake Falls Lodge. Cost per donor is \$50 (for "hearty hors d'oeuvres and bar); \$28/for guest.
 - b. Send out invitations to 125 guests who gave \$250 or greater (see list of Invitees to LBF August 19, 2023 Celebration)
 - c. Approve budget of \$8,000 for Aug. 19 Celebration (Revenue to come from Escrow Account for encroachments and/or Con Com conservation fund: \$17,000)

- d. Motion by Jason K to appropriate a budget of \$8,000 for Aug. 19th celebration (Revenue to come from Escrow Account for encroachments and/or Con Com conservation fund: \$17,000); seconded by Jaelynn S; **voted 3-0 to approve Aug. 19th budget.**
6. **Approve Invoice dated 6/23/23 of \$120.00** for Print Samples from NE Art Reproduction: Motion by Jason; second by Jaelynn: **Approved 3-0**
7. **Approve Invoice dated 7/7/23 of \$3,000** for expenses associated with artwork and reproduction rights for landscape portrait of the Little Big Forest by Richard Whitney. Whitney donated over 100 hours of professional time to create the painting): Motion made by Jason; seconded by Jaelynn: **Approved 3-0**
8. **Approve Invoice dated 7/7/23 of \$19,625.00 to Geoffrey Jones for:**
- a. Survey work (he assisted as rodman, cleared lines, reconnoiter bounds);
 - b. Conduct Property Condition report (requirement for LCHIP);
 - c. Successful Administration of LBF (land trusts charge \$25,000+ to administer a project of this size and complexity).
9. Had to defer to July con com meeting, as Jones had to recuse himself and there wasn't a quorum (B. Fee on vacation): Take up at the next meeting;
10. **Olde Home Days events**
- a. Friday nite presentation & celebration NOTE Olde Home Days Committee posted the wrong time (6 pm not 7 pm) and wrong place (JFES not the town hall as requested)
 - i. Wave the deed and celebrate the successful \$1.5 million dollar project with fundraising window of 14 months
 - ii. Plan to discuss topics needed to be covered in series of public listening sessions
 - iii. Get input on best times to hold 3-4 public listening sessions (Aug & Sept.....incorporated into draft plan; finalize and submit to USFS)
 - iv. Cake, baked goods, light drinks offered
 - b. Olde Home Days parade display?? Decided to pass as there wasn't enough time to plan, due to July 7th closing on property
11. **Status of Closing: Scheduled** for 11 a.m. July 7th, 2023 at Main Street Title Services, Peterborough. Jason, Geoff, Jaelynn plan to attend (Chris Madden other town official)
12. Stewardship Needs of the LBF that need to be addressed this summer:
- a. Design & Flag Provisional Trail
 - b. Design & Build Kiosk, maps/wording (getting quotes on a kiosk similar to the one on Andorra at the Pitcher Mtn. Trailhead)
 - c. Design & build dock (?)
 - d. Clean-up of camp
 - e. Address BLA.....blaze bounds

13. Schedule public listening sessions

14. Walker & Pollock Escrow Agreement (not needed for closing) agreements being finalized

15. Preparations being made to meet with Planning Board to address the Boundary Line Adjustment

Other Business:

Next Meeting: **Joint Session with BOS/Con Com July 24, 2023 7 pm @ Town Hall**