

THOMASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, September 22, 2015



Members Present: Joe Wassong, Elaine Dixon, Kristin Mosimann, Tom Calvillo, Kellie Moffat and Val Polowy

Guests: None

The minutes were read with two corrections, revised and accepted by all.

Next on the agenda Joe passed around photos and maps of the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House property. These included the fences to the right of the property. There was a map showing the boundaries before Edith Mather sold property to the Thomaston Savings Bank. Bill Hall, a surveyor from Plymouth discussed with Joe the boundaries of the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House. He might have a map in his files at home. He could possibly do a survey for us. The issue in question is the fence on the South side of the property. Elaine made a motion to establish the dimensions of the property through a proper survey. It was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously. Al Pfaefflin had recommended a surveyor by the name of Mr. Giordano. Joe asked the members if they knew of any other surveyors to please contact him.

The plans for Ted Roth on November 7, 2015 are still in the schedule of coming events at the Thomaston Library. He will be speaking on the history of the Brass Valley in Connecticut.

Kellie Moffat announced to the commission that the Thomaston Savings Bank has accepted her grant for computer hardware updating at the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House Museum. The grants will be awarded October 6, 2015 at the Opera House. Kellie will attend the ceremony.

There is no update from Joe on the framing of the Ulric Mather Yale diploma.

Elaine asked about the tours at the House. Kristin talked about several new Thomaston residents who toured the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House. They were very interested in the House. In the discussion Elaine Dixon asked about the preparation of the House for Light Up The Town. The first floor and stairway in the front need to be cleaned. Val will contact Eileen Bellmay. Also the perennials around the House need to be cleaned in preparation for upcoming events which includes the planting of the daffodil bulbs by the Girl Scouts on October 19. A plan was made for a cleanup of the gardens on October 10, 2015 from 9:00 to 11:00.

Al Pfaefflin was not there to give an update on maintenance at the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House but Joe and Al did measure the windows of the storehouse. Ten panes had been broken or cracked.

Kristin made a motion to reimburse Val for the antique ice box she purchased for the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House Museum. The cost was \$334.05. It was seconded by Elaine and passed unanimously.

Kristin is having 110 passports printed for the school program with the \$500.00 grant she received. She will have enough passports for three years. She is going into the schools on October the 16th and the House tour on the 19th. The Opera House will be toured in December and the Thomaston Library in January. Kristin also discussed splitting an ad in the Connecticut Explored magazine with the Thomaston Railroad Museum, Landmark and the Opera House to be discussed at a later date.

Tom informed all that there has been no activity on the Seth Thomas stamp. He will continue to follow this. A bottleneck concerning the state highway sign has been reached. They are concerned with conditions at the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House such as the number of hours we are open. Tom will also continue to pursue this.

Private tours will continue. The contacts are Kristin and Joe.

The weeding day at the House in August went very well and the gardens look so much better all agree.

Under new business Elaine told all that she has visited the old gravesites of the Thomas and Bradstreet families at the Hillside Cemetery and found them not to be in good condition. She wondered if there was some kind of perpetual care for those plots. The Thomaston Historical Commission accepts the responsibility for the maintenance of the Bradstreet gravestones and the site according to chairman, Joe Wassong.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 following a motion by Kellie and seconded by Kristin, passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Polowy, Secretary