Langdon Heritage Commission July 1, 2015 Meeting Min. UNAPPROVED

*QUORUM:* Dennis McClary, Lorraine Chaffee, Andrea Cheeney, Carole-Anne Centre, Laura Rheaume

*ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS*: None

*JUNE MINUTES:*  Lorraine motioned to accept with spelling correction, Andrea seconded, all agreed

*TREASURER’S REPORT:* 1. Bank statement of 5/29/15 states Balance is $13,384. Does not include a $200 deposit from LCHIP for our annual promise to report on the condition of the building. 3. Dennis will contact Kathie Beam to verify information and also see if it included $100. donation.

*CORRESPONDENCE* : 1. Dennis invited Gina Beach to once again become a commission member. Gina graciously declined and said she is in full support of the LHC efforts 2.LHC discussed the need to make a list of items to be address regarding the Meetinghouse structure, insurance, signage and maintenance to give to the selectboard for review.

*ARCHIVAL UPDATE:* 1. Carole-Anne and Dennis did an inventory of each of the documents the Holmes family had regarding Congregational Church. The paper documents have been transferred to LHC for safe keeping and archiving. The items are stored in the large fireproof safe. That inventory is now included on an Acknowledgement of Receipt to be signed by Royal and Dianne Holmes. 2. Andrea suggests she explore the possibility of hiring Jenna Carrol from the Cheshire Historical Society to start up the Past Perfect project to computerize the collection archived. We will consider looking for grant money to pay for her services. 3. Andrea will get a sample contract agreement form regarding the loaning or donating of historical items. Andrea also noted that archival supplies are available to purchase at the Cheshire Historical Society. 4. Laura took several town reports as part of the research reading project.

*WEB SITE/FACEBOOK UPDATE*: 1. Andrea continues to work on updating the Web site and has made some changes to the home page. Andrea and Dennis will continue to work towards updating the site and ultimately change it over to a Weebly web site so LHC can monitor it without any outside help.

*FUND RAISING/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES* : 1. Dennis received a letter from Mascoma Bank stating our grant application was declined. 2. Moose Plate grant request for $10,000 LHC should hear any day now if we will receive the grant. 3. Lorraine and Laura talked about their ideas regarding the cemetery tour event to be held during the Fall Festival. Costumed grave site interpreters will be available to discuss the person or families buried at chosen sited. Music will be provided by Lilly & Mike at 1pm. Maps will be provides. Exhibit of items in the Meetinghouse and around the gate to the cemetery. The antique hearse will be on display with Nate Chaffee in period clothing and talking about the history of the hearse. We will ask the Selectboard for permission. 4. Carole-Anne passes around information about an artistic challenge to draw, paint, or write about an image in the Langdon Cemetery. 5. Andrea and Dennis will explore writing a description of our need and plans for the purchase of Past Perfect computer program system. This will enable LHC to focus on writing a grant for the system and archival needs. 5, Lorraine suggested we consider hosting an Ancestor Day, All agreed it would be a fun event to plan for the community in the future.

*MEETINGHOUSE UPDATE* 1.The LHC and the Town must still address the meetinghouse repair list before Fall Festival. 2. Andrea asked when we planned on starting the construction project. Dennis responded that it would not start till after the fall festival, but first we need to find out if we will receive the Moose Plate grant before proceeding.

*OLD BUSINESS:*  1. Dennis and Andrea will both work on the application to apply for placing the Meetinghouse on the National Historic Registry in the future once the next phase of the Meetinghouse is complete. 2. Carole-Anne emailed the Selectboard asking them to nominate Laura Rheaome as an Alternate member. 4. Dennis passed out suggested drafts of Rental Forms: A. Application & Indemnification, B. Agreement Form, C. Procedures for usage of the Meetinghouse. Members were asked to review and make suggestions regarding the forms before passing them along to the selectboard,

*NEW BUSINESS* : 1. Still need 2 new alternate members. Current membership: *Commissioners are*: CA, Andrea, Caroline, Cliff, Dennis, Lorraine, Bud Ross. *Alternates are*: Kathie, Mike and Laura. 2. Members recommended Mark Pelow. Dennis will invite him to a meeting. 3. Andrea told the members that Caroline Cross fell and is currently in the rehab hospital. Carole- Anne will look into getting flowers to send to Caroline on behalf of the LHC members. 4. Carole-Anne updated the members on our past member John Gulardo and suggested cards.

*ADJOURN :* Andrea motioned to adjourn, Carole-Anne second, all agreed

Submitted by: Carole-Anne Centre