

Historic Preservation Commission  
May 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order by chairperson Roger Mellick at 7:04 p.m.

Attending: Carol Beder, Carol Crawford-Jones, Marcia Hansen, Roger Mellick, Richard Miller, and Beth Sosidka

Interviews

Carol Beder and Richard Miller interviewed Gene DeClean, the Town Crier. Discussion ensued about the interview--strong and weak points. We need to document peoples' experiences living in Clinton to record a living history and preserve the history of our town through the recordings. Initially it's archival purposes with a possibly a documentary in the future.

All interviewees should be provided questions in advance.

Roger has transferred the (interview) tapes to a thumb drive. The tapes will reside here in our room; the drive may be viewed by all of us. Some of the tapes might tie in to our project.

We have a list of people to interview--who makes the contacts, and who does the interview. Richard said that Carol Beder did an excellent job with Gene and volunteered to assist Carol with the interviews. Beth will create a letter to send about the project; Carol said that we should initially make a phone call and follow up with the letter. We need to ask where they would like to be interviewed, such as their home or here in our Historic Preservation Commission room.

Frank Hooper should be top on the list for future interviews.

Table-Top Book Carol Beder brought in a book on Maine Street, Faces and Stories from a Small Town, Camden, Maine. We feel that we can capture Clinton today and create a similar table-top book; it would be a good fund-raiser.

Special meeting with Mark to watch Gene's video and give input Carol Beder was appointed chairperson of the Video Committee. Roger will see if Mark is available on May 31. We can figure out the questions and the time frame; perhaps 15 minutes to cover the topics and then allow for "chit chat" at the end.

Meeting time change We have temporarily changed our meeting time to 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 31, with Mark. Next regular meeting will be June 21

Adjournment Richard motion to adjourn, and Carol B. seconded. The meeting was adjourned. At 7:55 p.m.