

The meeting opened at 7PM. Attending were Co Chairmen Mary Ippolito, and Nick Rubino Toni Faria, Hope Paulsen, Judy Wasserman, Rob Zahora, and Judy Wasserman. Guests were Frank O'Brien (NEW), and Selectman Walter Zenkin.

A moment of silence was held in memory of John Ivas, who died in Feb. 25, 2009. John was a resident of Burlington for 46 years, a Town Meeting member, and active member of the Grand View Farm Committee.

General background information, introductions, and an update were given to new guest Frank O'Brien by Nick Rubino.

Treasurer's Report - Due to the absence of Kevin McKelvey, there was no Treasurer's Report at this meeting. Treasurer's reports will occur once a month.

Meetings - It was agreed that our meetings would be on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The second Wednesday will focus on Phase I of the GRV project and the fourth will focus on Phase II. New members are welcome, bring a friend. Historic Commission members are welcome to attend. Every one interested in future use should attend the 4th Wed. meetings.

A new Grand View sign - The new sign for the front of Grand View has been made and is in the process of being installed. Thanks to Joyce Fay of the Historical Commission and Society who arranged to have, it made. Selectman Al Fay will have it installed. It reads: **Grand View Construction Moving Forward.**

Work to begin at Grand View - Contractors are scheduled to begin work next week - the week of the 16th. A building Permit was applied for on Feb. 24, 2009. There is a 15-day wait for the Historical Commission to review the demolition permit for the barn. The Historical Commission has taken no action to oppose the demolition of the barn. SEA submitted a contract to the Town to provide a full time "clerk of the Works" for the project. The beginning of the construction at Grand View was noted with the installation of a chain link fence that now surrounds the property. Dumpsters, pods and large storage containers are in place. A brief discussion followed on the possible preservation of the milk cooler in the barn. Walter Zenkin offered to speak to Town Administrator about it. Saving the original wallpaper in the front room is also a concern. It was suggested that a list be made of things that need to be saved in the house, such as the wallpaper, and four original windows. The wallpaper could be covered with plastic, or plexi glass. Toni and Mike are responsible for reviewing the material in the barn and deciding what needs to be saved. Monday, Toni Judy, Walter, and Rob are available to take the objects out of the barn to be put into the container for safekeeping. Plows, seeders, assorted tools and barrels need to be taken out of the barn and put into the storage container.

Grand View Web Site - Rob Zahora and Amy Warfield have updated the web site. Any news about GRV should be sent to Rob Zahora to be included in the Web site. The meeting schedule has been added. Toni will send minutes of the meetings to be included. It was suggested that the minutes of past meetings might be of interest to others, especially the meetings that discussed the final use of the property. The addition of photos will be included on the web site. Rob will discuss this with Amy and find out the town's process for a blog on the web site. Thanks to Rob and Amy for a job well done.

Inspection of Barn tools and [photographing of GRV] - Last Saturday, Mike, Toni, Hope Paulsen, Kathi Horton, and Eldrine Emerson of the Historical Commission met at the barn to assess the contents. Mr. Hickey assures us that help will be provided to move the tools out of the barn and into the storage container. Mike took many photos to detail the condition of the house before the construction. Toni took a few outdoor photos. Rob Zahora will also take photos of the house and barn.

A Ground Breaking event is planned for April. Sonia is in charge of the event. Invited will be officials, companies, newspapers, and past donors who helped in any way to keep the Grand View project moving forward. A tent is planned to be on site, and a possible walk thru.

Abner Marion will be present at the ground breaking event.

Judy Wasserman will be the point person for all public relations with Sally Willard of BCAT, Bruce Coulter, of the Burlington Union, The Woburn Daily News, and Boston Globe, and local news programs. Please submit ideas and articles to Judy. SEA will be asked to provide a one page hand out that outlines Phase I for the event flyers and other broadcasts.

Items for sale - Items are still on hand to be sold for fund raising. A table at the polls on Election Day will be shared with the Historical Commission. Hopefully enough help will be found to sell the items at the table. Nick suggested having all the items listed on a sheet to pass out to allow people to order the items. The "Cat's Meow" image of Grand View is a good item to sell, as well as the Bricks. A flyer will be made available. Town Hall will be the mailing address.

Buy a Brick - An effort will be made to have bricks in place at some part of the Grand View site by the Ribbon cutting for Phase I in the fall.

Renewed Sale of Bricks - Recreation Dept. Summer Flyer insert was suggested by Mary. The production of the new bricks has to move forward with a new company. There is a need for more members to be involved in the effort. Lead time to order? Cost to Buy? Where to Buy? Where, when and how to install them? Nick will obtain plans from the Town. A deadline for the purchase of the bricks needs to be established, how many more and the inclusion of a memorial brick for John Ivas?

Landscaping - A Search for local landscapers is needed to volunteer labor to landscape the front and incorporate the bricks into the design. Nick will investigate the possible landscapers and the scope of landscaping in the current contract. The committee at future meetings will determine if they want to allocate some funds to purchase trees and shrubs, with the installation being donated by a local landscaper. Judy Wasserman will look into an article for the local papers asking for landscaping volunteers later this year.

Ribbon Cutting in October - The ribbon cutting is planned for October. July should be the time to begin the preparations. With a sign, that says "Thank You"

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Faria