

**AGENDA  
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# **QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Lebanon Heritage Commission**  
**Quarterly Report to Lebanon City Council for July 2019**

**Robert L. Welsch, Chair**

This quarter the Commission has been focused more intently on plans for restoration of Dana House. We have lost two of our members (VC Joshua Lascell and alternate member Morgan Swan. But I am pleased to report that we have added one new member Mimi Hains, who is currently serving as VC).

The major work of the past quarter has focused primarily on Dana House, so I will begin there, although both the Fountain Working Group and the Special Projects Working Group have been active this quarter. We have no active grants from NH Division of Historic Resources this year as we have decided to submit an application for LCHIP to help with repairs on Dana House this year instead.

**Regulatory Matters**

All of the regulatory matters in the Historic District that we have dealt with concern the planned repairs to City Hall. We approved the redesign of the window replacements and more recently a variety of minor changes allowing for solar power on the roof.

**Dana House Working Group**

- A. The highlight of the quarter was the June 12 event in West Lebanon. We held an open house for about 50 residents in Dana House in the afternoon, followed at Kilton Library with a presentation by Lyssa Papazian on the History of South Maple Street, which she did as part of the Twin Pines Projects. Then Rob Welsch gave a Power Point presentation on our plans for restoring Dana House. Both events were very well attended and generated considerable interest among members of the West Lebanon village community.
- B. At both presentations we announced the Commission's plans to develop a West Lebanon Historic District that would include part of the south end of Maple Street along with Dana House and the Seminary Hill School. We are at the very earliest stage of developing this project, but it has given us a chance to present some ideas to the community, so we can follow up at later events and over the next year.
- C. We have submitted an application for LCHIP funding to complete reroofing of the Dana House (erected in 1765 and 1792) and Dana House annex (erected 1987). Shelly Hadfield and Planning Office Staff have helped us with this submission.

**Special Projects Working Group**

- A. We awarded the Landmark Property Medallion to Alice Peck Day Hospital for the Solon Peck Homestead building last month at City Hall. We had approved the Landmark status last year, but were trying to arrange a suitable time for the presentation.
- B. Ms. Hains is spearheading an effort to establish a 501(c) (3) that could be used for projects involving either Lebanon Heritage or the Arts and Culture Commissions. This would be the same 501(c) (3) that could serve as a vehicle for accepting funding gifts to support either Heritage or Arts and Culture projects, allowing donors to receive tax deductions. This 501(c) (3) group would be something like a private friends of Arts, Culture, and Heritage group, separate from the City .

### **Fountain Working Group**

The Work this quarter had concerned the Glenwood Cemetery Fountain, currently under construction.

- a. Priscilla Goslin and her son removed debris from the concrete basin.
- b. Work on restoring or repairing the concrete basin will proceed this Summer
- c. Lebanon DPW has restored water to the fountain site.
- d. The working group decided to purchase a fountain of suitable size for this cemetery site once they learned that the original fountain had no cherubs in it. The plan is to deliver it to the Cemetery in care of DPW
- e. There will be a celebration of the Glenwood Cemetery Fountain to be held in late Summer or early Fall or whenever the concrete work on the basin is complete.

### **Arts and Culture Commission**

The chair is Heritage Commission's representative on the Arts and Culture Commission. We have begun planning for the restored downtown tunnel project and the Heritage representative also serves on the Data Collection Working Group, which has met on two occasions, and the Fundraising working group, which will meet soon.