Name That House

May 21, 2019
The “Phelps” House

• 163 Glen Farm Road (at Linden Ln)
• Has never had an “official” name
• With a pending Concessionaire's Agreement, we need an official name
History

• Built Circa 1925
• Part of the Taylor estate owned by Mason Phelps
• Purchased by Town as part of the larger “The Glen” acquisition in 1985
• Occupied by the Taylor Estate Superintendent Arthur Daniel Howell from construction to the late 60s
• Used by the Red Cross for several years as an informal “meeting house” while barns were being used as a hospital
Public Information

• Portsmouth Historical Society web page
  • http://portsmouthhistorical.org/phelps-house-name/
  • Provides historical information

• Town Web Site News Item

• Press Releases (Portsmouth Times, Portsmouth Press, NDN)

• Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Phelps2019
Survey Results  (27 Respondents as of May 20)

Q1 RATING SCALE QUESTION OPTION (Weighted 0 through 4) Considering the best names from both an historical and marketing perspective, which names do you prefer?
Comments/Suggestions

• Historically, since the house was built for the superintendent (and his family) it should be named for him. The Red Cross usage, although laudable, was very short term.

• Most people in Town know it as the Phelps House so it should stay that way.

• don't you have better things to do

• The name should reflect the historical aspect if the house. Moses Phelps was Mason's grandfather. Phelps House is perfect.

• Phelps House is fine. Linden is prettier.

• Red Cross house seems so much more Portsmouth’s history during the war.

• It is the Phelps house.

• If it is to be promoted as a B-n-B maybe some naming convention tie in to the greater Aquidneck Island community would insure more "hits"?

• "Superintendents" House is within the Glen Farm Context, and yet describes its primary role over many decades.

• The Glen Farm House is easily understandable, readily marketable. The individual names are more obscure and do not seem historically significant. The Red Cross House has too strong an association with the organization and not necessarily the town, it was only used as such for a short period of time, if it really was, but makes for an interesting story anyway.

• The name "Red Cross House" was always supported by all members of the Lower Glen Farm Preservation Committee after hearing of the history from Gloria Schmidt.