

Northfield Historical Commission

Northfield MA

6/22/23 1:30 (zoom)

Minutes

Attendance: Jacque, Graveline, Bond, Campbell, Stoia, King.

Call to Order: 1:43 p.m. No citizen input.

Minutes, 4/27/23: Bond moved and Graveline seconded that these minutes be approved. **Bond AYE, Graveline AYE, Stoia AYE, Campbell AYE, Jacque AYE, King AYE,** passed unanimously.

NHC membership issues: King will no longer represent NHC on the Community Preservation Committee. Campbell offered to take this seat. **MOTION:** Graveline moved and Stoia seconded that Campbell be named to represent the NHC on the CPC. **Bond AYE, Graveline AYE, Stoia AYE, Campbell AYE, Jacque AYE, King AYE,** passed unanimously.

Lis McLoughlin has resigned from the NHC due to time constraints but has agreed to advise if we need her background and knowledge. Mayshark-Stavely could become a full member rather than an alternate to fill this seat. Graveline made a **MOTION** and Stoia seconded that Jacque talk to Mayshark-Stavely about this status change... **Bond AYE, Graveline AYE, Stoia AYE, Campbell AYE, Jacque AYE, King AYE,** it passed unanimously.

The NHC Board agreed to continue as officers if the full commission agreed to it. Jacque remains as Chair, Graveline continues as Vice-chair and King remains the Secretary.

Calvin Swan site update, money issues: The interpretive sign for the Swan Homestead and 3 small "behavior--no dig" signs have been made by Lyman Signs of Phillipston. The invoice has been sent to town hall for payment using NHC funds (\$242). The framer and installer of these signs, Ryan Anastos dba Anastos Custom Woodworking of Northfield, will need to be paid \$722 for materials and labor. **MOTION:** Graveline moved and Campbell seconded that up to \$600 be used from NHC funds to pay for finishing and installing the framed signs, with the Chair to decide which fiscal year's budget to pay from and when. Votes were: **Bond AYE,**

Graveline AYE, Stoia AYE, Campbell AYE, Jacque AYE, King AYE; it passed unanimously.

350th Update: Jacque asked if there are other 350th events/expenses that the NHC should consider supporting. Campbell said that a singer formerly with the Renaissance Community would like more money; King said that the 350th History Focus group will handle it. Stoia mentioned that the pipeline event for the 350th is seeking funding. A videographer to tie together the local footage of events of that time is to be hired, and if the NHC could consider contributing that will be very helpful. Stoia asked, when the question of who will own the resulting video came up, that the issue be postponed until more information is available.

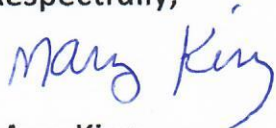
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Discussion of proposed agenda topics including sensitivity maps: A few people should review the sensitivity maps with Graveline; no subgroup was selected however and a date in the fall was recommended but not set. As projects come up affecting Northfield, proving that land is sensitive and that sites are historic is the difficult job. NHC should review the historic records in the town vault also. Graveline commented on his work fighting for the river which concerns FERC and the First Light contract. The delaying tactics used by the utility and allowed by FERC keep the money rolling to the utilities.

Next meeting: Thursday July 27, 1:30.

Adjourned at 3:00, **Motion to adjourn:** Graveline, **second:** Campbell: King AYE, Stoia AYE, Graveline Aye, Jacque Aye, Bond AYE, Campbell AYE, passed unanimously.

Respectfully,



Mary King

Secretary