

Northfield Historical Commission

Northfield MA

12/14/23, 6:00 Town Hall

Minutes

**Attendance:** Bee Jacque, Mary Mayshark-Stavely, Joan Stoia, Stacy Bond, Joe Graveline, Mary King.

**Call to Order:** 6:03 p.m. No citizen input.

**Minutes, 10/26/23:** Graveline moved and Bond seconded that the minutes be approved with the addition of the first names of the attendees. Approved as amended, unanimously.

**CPC, preliminary review of inquiries/proposals:** three proposals for Community Preservation Commission funding this cycle are of a historical nature. One is from the VFW regarding the old school building in West Northfield (545 Mount Hermon Station Rd.). The two others are being submitted by the library, one for conservation and repair of the reading room next to the history room on the uppermost floor and the other for the purchase of a scanner to preserve important town historical documents by making professional grade copies of them. The scanner will be used by the town, the library, the Northfield Historical Society and the Historical Commission. Bond moved and Graveline seconded that we authorize the NHC Chair to communicate with the CPC regarding the historical significance and relevance of these proposals. Passed unanimously.

**Calvin Swan research at Homestead:** Katie Lincoln, a graduate student at UMASS-Boston studying historical archaeology, has created a GIS Story Map of the Swan property that we have permission to put on the NHC page of the town website. This is part of her LIDAR final project, and the original link is <https://arcg.is/TaOru> LIDAR is Light Detection and Ranging technology. Katie, in consultation with her advisors, has decided that continuing to do geographic mapping of the Calvin Swan property and hopefully the Methodist community, of which he was a member, is a worthy thesis topic. She has identified the area where the Methodist Church was, now private property, and would like to do further mapping there with permission.

**Other topics:** Graveline said that the Battlefield Grant will have two more public meetings and to expect more information later. Bond has agreed to another term on the NHC Board.

**Next meeting:** TBD.

**Adjourned** at 3:46, moved by Graveline, seconded by Mayshark-Stavely. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Mary King

Secretary

