

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
69 Main St.
Northfield, MA 01360
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM

In attendance: Lisa McLoughlin, Carol Lebo, Don Campbell, Bob Hall, Joan Stoia, Sue Ross. Joe Graveline

Absent: none

Call to Order 4:02pm by Carol Lebo

Minutes - reviewed and accepted minutes of May 9, 2017; motion to accept with spelling correction: Joe; Sue second; all in favor; no discussion; passes unanimously

Mail

Motion that we vote if Carol continue at HC liaison to the CPA: Joe Second: Lis

Discussion: Joan asks if she wants to continue; Carol says yes, she had less than 1 year, and we'll be in on CPA stuff properly this year. Sue and Lis are concerned that money for historical restoration has gone forward without timely discussions with NHC. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Reminder from the town: NHC must turn in all money requests by the end of the fiscal year. We spent it all except for one penny. Joan will bring the check from NATABA \$100 for our gift account. All members signed the request for reimbursement, leaving a good paper trail.

Carol discussed executive session reporting RE: her conversation with Dan Campbell. NHC followed procedure exactly. See: <http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/attorney-generals-open-meeting-law-guide.html#Executive>. NHC reason is #10, proprietary information (from the MHC).

Old Business

Review "Day of History": Over 150 people cycled in and out throughout the day; many learned of the event from Greenfield Recorder, Monadnock Shopper; Wagon Wheel poster; email from NHC; NextDoor; and Facebook. Next year: The question of NHC and the Northfield Historical Society collaborating on a "Day of History" as has happened in the past; option is always open. Sue: Lots of enthusiasm; want to bring them back in some form or another. Joan: do we keep press records? Carol will make copies of all press on archival paper. Sue says commission records need to be better organized. Beth Bazler of First Light was psyched and won't make us do a long application next time.

Planning for FY 18

Carol: we've done very well this year with production and communication: she'd like to take July and August off if we can. Restarting in September, we will have a hefty calendar for next year. Each NHC member will have to take pieces to work on and report back in September. Here is a list of items we're working on:

- MHC information seeking and grants---Carol
- Community Archaeology---take our current Archaeology Accountability Policy and polish up the protocol to determine what we want to say in a bylaw. Discussion. Don met the Wayland people who would be helpful---he'll follow up---Don
- Visitors Center----discussion: waiting on the clock for it to be clear-----Joe and Joan
- Northfield Center Cemetery and Memorial for Marie Ferre---Sue
- HD3575: Joe spoke to James Gay (Kocut's aid.) and re-sent NHC letter to them. On May 2, state representatives formed a committee to turn the HD into a bill. Joe said we want to sit on the commission that will be formed by the governor. What is the process, who's involved (state reps); we were ahead of the curve in February and now seek to know what the committee talks about. Joe: I'm requesting a vote of support to stay in communication with them over the summer and hand over any information to us over the summer (no decisions, no deliberation without a quorum).

- Lis is not taking on a project over the summer but will answer questions if she has answers readily available.
- Bob brought up the graves on Beer's Plain, and cemeteries. Sue says the inventory sheet was submitted to MHC about the monument, suggests that Bob could work on resubmitting further information to MHC and change the record. MACRIS, records are very incomplete. Don suggested that Bob should do some deeds research. Joe says to get the parcel map from the assessors, then you can get the information from the registry of deeds. Don says, until 1811, we were part of Hampshire county, and before then Hampden county. Joan says much was moved to Springfield. Joe says how helpful they are in Franklin county registry of deeds. Bob volunteers for this project.
- newsletter article: Carol reports CPA has a goal to increase tax percentage; one strategy is to have something in the newsletter each regularly. NHC members are enthusiastic to do this also. For the July 5th deadline Carol will write a summary of this past year, adding all NHC member names so people can talk to us about their concerns. The September deadline will be during the summer when we're not meeting. If everyone sends a short paragraph on their progress, Carol will put that together for the September deadline.
- Joan: are we doing anything for 2020? 2020 meets after Battlefield grant, first Wednesday at approximately 1:00 in Montague Town Hall. Joan will be our rep.

Old Business:

Alderbrook Signage: Elizabeth Perry's text controversial. Attempt to reconnect with the Mount Grace coordinator to stay in the loop.

Boy Scout House plaque: Joan needs more guidance as to where the plaque program is.

Windows for Town Hall and Zinke grant follow-ups: Sue

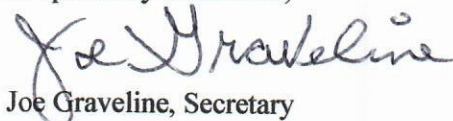
Announcements

- Conway celebrating their 250th anniversary this weekend.
- David Funkhouser passed away recently; he owns an historic house in town and the Windmill Motel.
- June 17th Tribes and Historical Commissions meeting---all invited.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2017.

Adjournment: 5:24pm all in favor motion: Joe second: Sue

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Graveline, Secretary

September 11, 2017