

NORTHFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
69 Main St.

Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:00 PM

Present: Joe Graveline, Bob Hall, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin, Sue Ross, Joan Stoia (after Doug's presentation) Guest by Skype for 1st half hour: Doug Harris

Absent: Don Campbell

Call to Order 4:01 Carol Lebo

Skype discussion with Doug Harris: Discussed MOU with the Tribes to protect the Indigenous culture in town. **Motion:** Sue: NHC work on a MOU draft to be discussed at the next meeting; Carol: **Second**; no discussion passes unanimously. Doug offers to come to next meeting by Skype as needed; Joe and Lis will work on the draft with help from Carol.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept **August 8, 2017** minutes Joe; **Second** Carol; no discussion, passes unanimously.

Sue: **motion** to accept the **September 11, 2017** minutes with spelling correction; Lis **second**; no discussion, passes unanimously.

Mail

- From Town administrator: Meeting November 1, 2017 with Boards, Committees, and Selectmen. Carol willing to make the presentation. Sue and Carol will go. Carol will present two-minute summary: NHC goal of raising awareness of history of Northfield through education and events, ID resources that need to be preserved; working with historical society and other town groups including any other municipal groups. e.g. center cemetery, consulting for Mt. Grace on Alderbrook trail; another program for day of history-active in education and preservation.
- Memorandum from Town Administrator: town council is a privilege and requests must go through Select Board.
- Memorandum from Town Administrator: Special town meeting December 4th at 7pm at PVRs. Ask any articles to be submitted to town no later than noon on Tue Oct 24th. Discussion of the cemetery, wouldn't have anything ready for this meeting, save for May. Discussion of mail and time of notice (October 12) for a warrant which would take a lot of time.

Press Coverage: October 16, 2017 Greenfield Recorder article "Community Bible Church" NHC support for Carol's remarks, and the reporters' interest.

Old Business

- Council Fires - Lisa: NHC did not discuss.
- Kocot Bill - Joe: handouts

Response from Sarafina Zeringo from Pignatelli's office acknowledged Joe's letter and will investigate. Discussion of Paul Mark: are we getting his attention? Split observations. New aide's name? Discussion of covering travel expenses to Boston with NHC budget.

- Northfield Center Cemetery & plaque for Marie Ferre - Sue

Administrator Morales said we'll have to put it out for bid eventually; he suggested a firm which Sue contacted: Kai Nelenz in Bedford NH, Gravestone Services of New England. He's finishing a Deerfield Project, will meet with Sue, Lis, and Carol on October 12 at 4:00pm at Center Cemetery. Willie and Tom Walker will also be present. Discussion of forming a cemetery commission again. Friends of Northfield's Old Cemeteries is not defunct; the group needs to pay fees to MA and elect officers. Then they can fundraise. Great progress. NHC needs to review National Register documents and properties in town.

- Archaeology Bylaw, Certified Government Status – Don, Carol NHC did not discuss.
- MHC business - Carol NHC did not discuss.
- Beers Plain Graves Project – Bob and Joe

Joe found the burial ground form needed from MHC protocol file; Bob is filling it out.

New Business

- MOU with Doug Harris - Lis (see above.)
- 24 Main Street – Joe, Joan, Lis

Joe recuses himself from discussion. Joan: went to ZBA meeting 10/5 to raise issues and present documentation (letter from Doug Harris, MGL 117 section 14.) ZBA Chair Cox announced that public comment section was over and ZBA was proceeding to deliberation. Cox quickly read either a letter (or conversation notes) from the town attorney. Projection of the material would have been helpful. Joan shares her notes. Carol will ask for the documents from the ZBA, so we can assess them to see if any further course of action is warranted.

- December Town Newsletter – Carol and others

Deadline is November 5th. Each of us will do one in turn. Joan will do November; Sue, January.

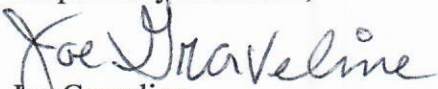
Unforeseen items and announcements

- Open space; impending cut in town forest; Lis: **motion** that NHC work with the Open Space Commission or other town bodies dealing with town forest cut to protect any historical resources in the area. Joan, **second**. Discussion: we need to be kept in the loop passes unanimously.
- Bob: Need for an illustrated tour, with brochure, of the town need a brochure. NHC will work with the Historical Society who already has a tour.
- November 9th CPC at 7pm, Town Hall a slideshow and information of how to apply for a grant--Carol attends as part of the CPC. Jan 15th will be the deadline for an application for 2018 funds.
- We need an extra meeting, October 30th 4:00pm to work on grants.
- We haven't had notice from MHC for the yearly application which will be due soon.

Next Regular Meeting November 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment motion: Joe 6:02 Joan **second** no discussion all in favor passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline
Secretary

October 30, 2017