

**Northfield Historical Commission**  
**69 Main St., Northfield, MA 10360**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Carol Lebo, Lis McLoughlin, Sue Ross, Joan Stoia  
**Absent:** Bob Hall

**Call to order:** Carol at 4:02pm

**Minutes:** October 16, 2017; **Motion to Accept:** Lis; **second:** Joe; discussion: none; passes unanimously'

**Mail:**

- No mail.
- A phone call followed up by a photo: Image Text sign and location map; missing sign documented in 1960s. **MA DOT** planning the Tercentenary signs in district 2. Discussion—no one knows where it is: work on Main St. in 1930s signs had to be removed as streets were altered. There could be something in the library. We should ask the librarian, Deb Kern, and check in the Historical Society Museum. Sue will do these things.

**Old business:**

- **Northfield Center Cemetery:** Carol Sue and Lis met with owner Kai Nalenz, President, "Gravestone Services of New England" who explained the process, will provide an estimate for a conservation master plan for the cemetery. Discussion: Next step: \$1500 for a master plan. Master plan needed to solicit more bids. Also, might need bids to do master plan. We need to seek funds. Ask Town Administrator, Willie Morales, if we must get a bid for this amount of money?
- **24 Main Street:** Discussion of how to get out from the logjam.

**New Business:**

- Carol and Sue will represent the NHC at the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Select Board meeting and raise awareness of the NHC's "Archaeological Accountability Policy" as well as the rich history of Northfield that we are trying to bring awareness to as well. Discussion of the fact that nobody in Northfield knows the SB approved this policy in May of 2014, and that we have been left out of the loop by First Light, the ZBA and other boards that might be making decisions that could have an impact on our cultural resources here in Northfield. Carol will speak to our wish to ID cultural resources to allow for consultation with other groups and boards. Carol will also review our work this year with Mt. Grace, considering Center Cemetery challenges, our day of history in June; printing articles in newsletter; suggest we can attract others here with history.

**Town Administrator Willie Morales joins us.** A full conversation about his background and position, current NHC concerns, and planning for the future occurs. In particular discussion: of our need to be kept in the loop as well as what part we play in the workings of the town of Northfield. NHC thanked Administrator Morales for his time and ideas and we look forward to working - across the spectrum - with him in the future.

- **Grant Planning** - mostly postponed to next meeting.
  - Short discussion of if and how to apply for grants.
  - NATABA wants input on a grant application for economic development -- -heritage tourism. Yes, NHC can support that.
  - NHC will make a small application to CPC for sign for the Boy Scout building.

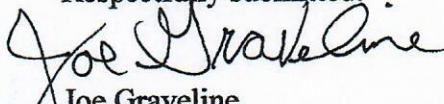
**Announcements:**

- November 9th: meeting sponsored by CPC to present the format of how to apply for a grant.
- The tribal MOU will be in our meeting on November 13.
- New rep for Paul Mark is Sean Caine.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Don, second: Joe; all in favor. Adjourned at 6:10 p. m.

**Next meeting: November 13, 2017; 4:00 p.m.; Northfield Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted.

  
Joe Graveline  
Secretary  
November 13, 2017