

**NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 69 Main St.
Northfield, MA 01360**

Minutes, February 12, 2018, 4:00 PM

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

Call to Order: Carol Lebo, Chair: 4:03pm

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

February 6, 2018: no discussion; **Motion** to accept: Joe; **Second:** Carol; Passes unanimously
January 22, 2018: discussion; **Motion** to accept as edited: Lis; **Second:** Bob; Passes unanimously

Mail:

Town Spaghetti Dinner 4/7/18: Sue and Joe volunteered to speak for NHC
From Town Hall website: The ZBA is meeting tomorrow about changing the current church building on Millers Falls Rd. to office space.

Old Business

MOU: Five NHC Commissioners attended the SB meeting on February 6, 2018 to present the Tribes- Northfield Historical Commission Memorandum Of Understanding; no approval was sought or needed. Carol and Joe presented a summary of the impetus for and writing of the MOU. Discussion and questions/answers followed. The SB thanked us for informing them and supporting town government. We sign two copies, sent them to the Tribes to be signed, and they will give us one copy back. All seven Commissioners signed - it's a historic document!

Ordinance: Carol spoke with Chief of Police Rob Leighton. Northfield does not have Ordinances which bridge the gap between Policies and Bylaws. He was surprised they existed in other towns, and he did not know about Cultural Preservation Officers. The Select Board has a set of Bylaws which cover sound, dogs, etc. NHC became acquainted with this set of Bylaws.

PB/24 Main Street: Planning Board's last meeting was to select a date to have an open meeting. Tammy Pelletier will keep us informed.

Community Preservation Committee received three proposals. Carol presented the NHC proposal for the Boy Scout House Plaque, identifying the site as "First Fire Station Northfield, 1924", to the board. This seemed well-received, but we might not get full funding. Playground equipment at the Elementary School and the electrical system and other work in the Town Hall were the other two proposals. Approximately \$110,000 in applications were submitted. CPC will

discuss applications later this week and announce funding recommendations for town approval in May.

Signs Committee: Postponed to next regular meeting, March 12, 2018.

Cemetery: also postponed.

Bylaw – due 2/27/18: Commissioners worked on edits of the second revision. There was discussion about goals of bylaw with agreement to bring forward a warrant article. After editing NHC agreed to ask Willy and Dan look draft over for format compliance. **Motion:** Carol: that the commission approves the bylaw warrant as discussed for inclusion in the May 7 town meeting; **Second:** Don. Passes unanimously. NHC will meet on February 22, 2018 for final approval.

New Business

2018 Day of History--First Light offered us dates and welcomed us to do a Day of History. Last year was very successful; the venue was good. July 21, 2018 chosen. Theme: "First Contact." Perhaps also a program during the installation of the plaque with a history of disaster, fires and fire fighting in Northfield. Walt Anson is a possible resource.

Northfield Newsletter – deadline: 3/5/18; Include CPC request and July 21 Day of History.

Other Business Brought Forward:

Certified Local Government on March 12, 2018 agenda.

Bob Hall suggests the **Boy Scouts survey the cemeteries to find veterans graves**. Will contact Leader.

Carol wrote a letter to the editor of the Greenfield Recorder thanking Shelby Ashline for her article on **Center Cemetery** and including information on ways to donate to a rehabilitation effort.

Announcements

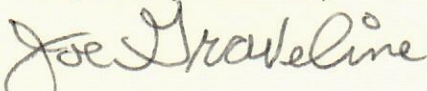
Next Meetings:

Special: February 22, 2018

Regular: March 12, 2018

Adjournment at 6:05 p.m.: **Motion:** Joe; **Second:** Bob; passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline

Secretary

April 2, 2018