

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN HALL 69 Main St.

Northfield, MA 01360

Monday, January 22, 2018, at 4:00 PM

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

Absent: Don Campbell

Call to Order by Carol Lebo, Chair: 4:00pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept: Joe Second: Bob; No discussion; Passes unanimously

Mail: none

Old Business - updates

- Carol unable to go to CPC meeting; three submissions including ours for Boy Scout House sign. More information at 2/12 meeting.
- Bylaw: Lots of papers from Carol collected from the Tribes and Town Dropbox Lis put together. Discussion of what we want to say in our warrant: "cultural visibility", "accountability" "power for us to do our job", "protect/respect/preserve". Joan worked on the policy and marked it up into a bylaw format. We discussed goals for the bylaw and education in parallel. Possibility of an ordinance from the police department. An ordinance is a bridge between policy and bylaw. Ordinances almost have same teeth as a bylaw. The chief could teach us how to get an ordinance in place as well as assign a cultural preservation officer to the town. Carol will invite Chief Leighton to our 2/12 meeting. Joe will talk to his sources about this. Brief discussion of some of the documents from the towns.
- Center Cemetery: Sue and Carol talked with reporter Shelby Ashline, and there was an article in the Greenfield Recorder. Learned from Town Hall: The Friends of Northfield's Old Cemeteries' money is listed under Cemetery Improvement Gifts, not touchable by NHC. NHC Gift Fund has a few hundred dollars which can be used. Article seemed positive; but there's a process before we start fundraising. Carol will write a thank-you - mentioning where to donate - letter to the Editor. Note, our cemeteries are closed from Nov 1 to April 1 according to our town web page. We should have a special session to plan about the cemeteries. Bob: latest cemetery news--- Northfield police have checked it out because lots of gunshots fired in the cemetery--not sure if hunting or target shooting.
- MHC Preservation Projects Fund: Sue and Carol went to a meeting two weeks ago and learned a lot about the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Application. NHC would probably apply for funds for restoring cemeteries. Very large projects. Requires a match. Very long application. They left feeling it was an enormous project to apply. Two options: money to do the work or a