

## **NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Town Hall**

**69 Main St.**

**Northfield, MA**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 3:30 PM**

**Present:** Joe Graveline, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin (by phone), Sue Ross, Joan Stoia

**Absent:** Don Campbell, Bob Hall

**Call to Order** 3:40pm by Carol Lebo, chair

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** motion to approve minutes subject to rewording: Joe; second: Joan; no discussion; approved by unanimous vote

### **Mail**

**-Town Governance Survey Committee:** Lis sent hers in and forwarded the excel version to send online. Carol handed out hard copies. Thursday at 7pm in Town Hall an open meeting.

**- Letter received just now, Nov 8th from William Galvin to Eversource.** NHC doesn't know what project this is. Project #RC.65350Eversource energy line replacement project 381, Northfield and Erving. Joe will talk with Doug Harris about the 106 consultation. Joan Moves NHC write a letter to Eversource; Joe seconds; unanimously passes with no discussion.

### **Citizen Input**

none

### **Old Business and Updates**

**-First Light and FERC:** A number of test pits came up with artifacts. Most be tested next spring. Joe will call the chief archaeologist Walters for an update. Tribes have been out there. All the archaeologists are out and might not start the intensive this fall.

**-Discussion of handout Lis sent re:** handling of artifacts on private land. Triggered by 106 or human remains. If either are absent, then have to go to private property state laws, which still gives the private landowner ownership.

**-House Bill 2929:** Joe will check in with Paul Mark on how this is going. Nothing will happen until after Jan 1, next legislative session.

### **Continuing Business**

**-Item for Town Meeting postponed from May 2018:** Carol reported on a phone conversation with Jeff Blake (Northfield Town Lawyer); he recommended that we ask the Selectboard to help us as a policy not a bylaw. Carol explained to him that NHC is not just about architecture but about archaeology. This might be a first step to build trust. To take the edge off antagonistic conversations, NHC will emphasize

"cultural, historical, and agricultural heritage of this community." NHC Commissioners are working independently on a policy during December. NHC does not know where to get help now – except that which the Town Lawyer provided - hopes for new Town Administrator. Tabled to January.

#### **New Business**

- Historical Commission going forward - Discussion:** new members, day and time of meeting.
- Budget for FY20** – no change
- New Commissioners:** NHC needs to start planning recruiting new members and day/time of our meeting.

#### **Unanticipated Business**

- Joe missed the NPS meeting last Wednesday; he'll get a copy of the minutes.

#### **Announcements**

none

**Next Meeting:** January 15, 2019, 3:30, Dickinson Library, History Room

**Adjournment:** Motion: Joe; second: Sue no discussion passes unanimously. Wishes for each to have a wonderful holiday as he or she follows a special celebration.

5:04pm adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline,

Secretary

January 15, 2019