

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Dickinson Memorial Library, Main Street, Northfield, MA
March 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Present: Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin, Joan Stoia

Absent:

Call to Order 1:02 by Carol Lebo, chair

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept minutes 1/15/19 and 2/5/19: Joe; **Second:** Lis ;
no discussion; **passes unanimously**

Mail

Kathy Wright by email: want to take down center school sign Northfield Elementary Sign and put in the museum historical society Joan: **motion:** we ask Kathy for a historical preservation plan for the sign **second:** Carol no discussion passes unanimously

Brona Simon by mail: FERC N0, 1889-081 and No. 2485-063 Archaeology letter with recommendations from MHC for various sites to be saved and some to not be saved. Joe will check on this.

Mt. Grace by e-mail: Asked for letter of support a grant proposal for Alderbrook Meadows access for all program. The request was granted, and letter sent.

State of Our Town: 4/6/19 Carol signed us up.

Citizen Input none

Old Business and Updates

Annual Report: sent to Town Hall, Northfield Newsletter, and as handout at State of Our Town.

First Light and FERC 2/20 and 2/27/19: report letter. First Light letter with archaeological information being filed yesterday so we are supposed to be getting this soon.

MA House Bill 2929: may not still be in play; Joe will be in touch with Paul Mark again.

Llewellyn Request: Joe spoke with Mark Andrews (Wampanoag) who asked why they hadn't been contacted because of very sensitive area. NHC also learned the plans call for posts driven 4' into the ground with trenching and a building with a foundation. MHC must provide input because those terraces had villages and there are burials under the home sites; neither we nor MHC should be absent from the picture. Looking for permits we learned the ZBA approved a variance in January and Planning Board approved the whole process in February. These preceded the Right of First Refusal process which included NHC and other Commissions.

Continuing Business

Northfield Newsletters deferred

Item for Town Meeting postponed from May 2018 Commissioners reviewed the Lester Garvin sensitivity maps to build upon for the creation of our own maps. Such maps will give NHC credibility and documentation as we seek to work with relevant Town Boards and Commissions on proposed building projects. NHC deplores the lack of communication among boards and wants to help develop stronger communal supports. NHC will write a comprehensive letter and then make an appointment to meet with Selectboard. Various assignments made.
Historical Commission going forward: seeking/advertising for new members.

New Business

Fowler Property: Discussion: house lot being considered; looked at maps. It has been logged; discussion of how common or not. Not as sensitive as Llewellyn, not Agricultural, no reason to stop it specifically. A shame, the whole brook being sensitive, but nothing special about this stretch that we know of. We'll send a note saying thanks, but we're OK- passes unanimously.

Unanticipated Business

CPC: Field Library got new bid for doors which was approved. in the town hall has more information from the Historical Society but not approved for funding this year.

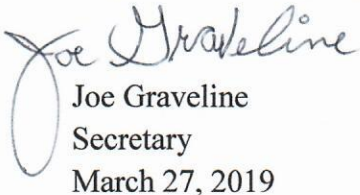
Doug Harris' 2019 Ceremonial Stone Landscape presentation: Carol moves for NHC to be a sponsor; Joe second; passes unanimously

Announcements none

Next Meeting: March 27, 2019

Adjournment: motion at 3:08, Carol; **second** Joe; passes **unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,


Joe Graveline
Secretary
March 27, 2019