

## **NORTHFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION**

**Dickinson Library**

**Main St.**

**Northfield, MA**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 1:00 PM**

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

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Stacy Bond

**Call to Order** 1:02 by Carol Lebo, chair

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** 3/13/19 minutes have been corrected. **motion** to accept them as corrected: Lis; **second:** Carol; no discussion; **passes unanimously.**

### **Mail**

**From 3/13/19 minutes:** No response from Kathy Wright on the NES sign.

**Steve Seredynski re: Charles Preston Plaque in Town Hall:** Steve was able to find many pages of information about Charles Preston and he wants NHC to help research funding to restore the plaque. Discussion led to asking for a diverse committee (Veteran's Affairs, Historical Commissions, CPC, Steve, perhaps others) to develop a plan. Carol will respond via email to Steve and Town Administrator Andrea Llamas to suggest establishing the working committee.

**Citizen Input** - none

### **Old Business and Updates**

#### **First Light and FERC:**

Joe will call Johnathan Patton , our connection to MHC, and clarify if only within the 10m is being delisted or more.

NHC did not receive any information: " As a result of comments from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, on February 8, 2019 FirstLight submitted a revised Phase IB archaeological survey report to the MHC and is hereby filing the revised Massachusetts Phase IB Archaeological Survey report with FERC. As required by regulation, the revised Phase IB report is being filed as privileged. " From First Light letter to FERC dated March 12, 2019 . During the meeting NHC sent Doug Bennett of First Light an email requesting this information be sent to Carol.

**MA House Bill 2929** nothing new despite visiting Representative Mark's assistant. NHC also asked for his support for creating a commission to look at the state flag. On April 30 at 7:00pm Kocut's previous aid is visiting NATABA and it would be good to ask her for any information she may have.

**Llewellyn Property** NHC learned that MHC was contacted because of potential wetlands and sensitivity. We're awaiting more information and need to confirm MHC's best practices. In the



meantime, the Wampanoags of Gayhead-Aquinnah are intervening for potential protection because of 106 requirements.

**Fowler Property** Carol wrote to the Selectboard with copy to Town Administrator Andrea Llamas. *The Northfield Historical Commission reviewed the request from Joel Fowler to remove a parcel of his land from Chapter 61 classification at our March 13, 2019 meeting. The Commission has no objection. We also agree the Town should Waive the Right of First Refusal. While the entire brook area is sensitive, most of the historical activity is on the other side of the road. Thank you for including us in this important business.*

### **Continuing Business**

**Northfield Newsletter:** Group has disbanded. Perhaps a new one will form with a new format.

**Sensitivity Map** There is some confusion over sensitivity map giving statutory authority. Carol will check in with Town Attorney Jeff Blake and Town Administrator Andrea Llamas on verification of map authority and next steps to officially implement it.

**Meeting with SB** – pending.

**Historical Commission Going Forward – Candidates:** increasing interest; Lis may become an alternate as we make room for people who are here year-round and who can meet evenings.

### **New Business**

**NHC financial status:** Carol will check.

**CPC assignment:** Update Historic Preservation part of the "CPC handbook." Suggestions due at next meeting

**New Commissioner:** Carol **motion:** move that Stacy Bond become a new NHC commissioner; Don: **second;** no discussion; passes **unanimously.**

### **Unanticipated Business**

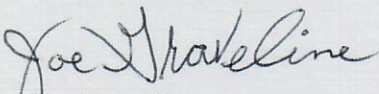
**Browning school house:** Don talked with Jake, and he's going to paint it. His daughter might use it as a studio.

**Announcements** – State of Our Town Dinner

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2019, 5:45 p.m., Town Hall

**Adjournment: Motion** to adjourn: Lis; **second:** Joe; no discussion; passes **unanimously** 2:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joe Graveline  
Secretary  
May 7, 2019