

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Town Hall

69 Main St.

Northfield, MA 01360

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

Present: Carol Lebo, Joe Graveline, Mary King, Lisa McLoughlin, Joan Stoia

Absent : Stacy Bond, Don Campbell, Bee Jacque

Call to Order by Chair Carol Lebo at 10:34am

Minutes from July 9; **motion to approve** Lis **second:** Joe **no discussion; passes unanimously**

Mail

-Captain Beers Gravestone: letter from Lois Stearns concerning the need for the new owners of the former Redemption Academy property to be told about the significance of the gravestone near the road. Discussion included that the house is a site of the Underground Railroad. Joe

Moves NHC write a letter to the current owner/developer of the property regarding the responsibility for care of the Captain Beers burial marker which is located on the property and listed on the Massachusetts Historic Register with copies to the Selectboard and Lois Stearns.

second: Lis discussion: none; **passes unanimously**

-Cathy Wright: theme of **Historic Society Calendar** is vintage cars. Please pass on.

-Mass Historic Preservation Conference in Plymouth Friday Sept 20.

Citizen Input None

Old Business and Updates

-Preston Plaque Steve Seredynski reports all documentation for request of service medal has been completed by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (informed by Congressman McGovern's office.)

Continuing Business

-NCSHPO nothing new, just sitting there in Congress. A similar legislation diminishing credentials for preservation of species: parallel conversations.

-Property Development

1) Steve Seredynski (Chairman of Planning Board) asked if NHC has an interest in commenting on Moody Center's proposed campground. NHC does. There is critical bio habitat going through the area. Perhaps historical interest. More research needed.

2) Local farms interest in solar.

<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/gen-info/qual-fac/obtain.asp>

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What about Northfield's solar bylaw?

-Right of First Refusal and Assessors role

Handout of *Exercising Municipal Rights Chapter 61. 61A, or 61B* Need to make this clear and consistent within Northfield.

-First Light and FERC Phase II fieldwork is being done now; NHC understands quite a bit is being found. After the report, stakeholders have the right to comment on the decisions on the protocols. Report is expected in October. Tribes are still involved. Joe will check with the archaeologists.

-Sensitivity Map Maps, overlays in process. Need to continue learning. Joe will get a clear overlay for the paper map

-Bylaw NHC needs to have contact with Chris Skelly. For September meeting Commissioners will read important pieces of *Preservation Through Bylaws and Ordinances October 2010*. NHC will request a meeting with Skelly in October to help understand how to write a Bylaw and other information in terms of 8D.

-NHC going forward deferred

New Business

-Communication within Town of Northfield Government deferred

-Visitor Center deferred

Unanticipated Business

-Council fires---still looking for documents; maybe 1929-1930 meeting minutes from Northfield because the signs would have been discussed.

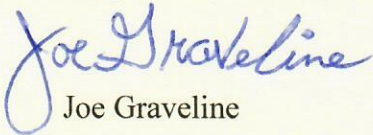
Announcements

-Saturday. August 11:00am Ray Harris' service.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2019 1:00 at Dickinson Library

Adjournment motion: Joe at 12:27pm second: Mary passes unanimously without discussion.

Respectfully submitted



Joe Graveline

Secretary

September 17, 2019