

**Northfield Historical Commission
69 Main Street
Northfield Massachusetts
Town Hall
Minutes April 13, 2017**

Present: Joe Graveline, Lisa McLaughlin, Joan Stoia, Carol Lebo, and Don Campbell
Absent: Sue Ross, Robert Hall

Called to order at 4:01 pm by Carol

Minutes of March 9th meeting: **Motion** to accept: Joe Second Joan Discussion: none: vote passes unanimously.

Mail and Announcements

No new mail.

Change the meeting time to 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm starting with the may 9th meeting.

Old business

Alderbrook Trail signage: Carol handed out draft from Lynne Manring: Lisa and Joe will contact her directly with changes: others will look it over.

Day of History: June 11th: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm First light Property in Northfield, Abenaki Elnu band of the Abenaki of Vermont will stage middle 17th century camp site history enactment during the time of King Phillips War. Enactors will take questions and share cultural knowledge with public. There will be no food vending, but enactors may cook in the traditional ways of the time.

NHC will offer a \$300 stipend to cover re-enactors time and expenses for travel.

NHC will try to find a drum group for \$300 and then fundraise. NHC will ask Sue to solicit \$100 from the Historical Society. Joan will work with NATABA and local businesses to find some sponsors. Lisa will communicate with Beth Bazler of First Light to see if vending is possible, and clear to have a drum there. When the filled in contract comes from Beth: Carol will take it to the Select Board to confirm that NHC is legally covered. Joe will work on Press release, which Carol will distribute. Joan will make a poster; Carol will prepare a short document that includes some history to give to guests.

Don will oversee welcoming guests to the event.

Joan recused herself from the Browning land ZBA discussion. The remaining members discussed the permit and the ZBA's open meeting law challenges and how that impacted our ability to attempt to do our job. The discussion covered long term and short term goals, cooperation among town boards, the role of the Building Inspector, the role of the Town Administrator, and how we might try to get better communication with her boards as the best way to deal with our being uninvited to participate in the open ZBA meeting process during the walkabout part of that hearing. The board discussed how we might support Mount Grace Land Trust and the Browning family with the goal of protecting the land.

Motion to adjourn: Joe: Second: Joan no discussion passes unanimously at 6:05 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday May 9th at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Joe Graveline, Secretary

May 8, 2017