

**Northfield Historical Commission
69 Main St.
Northfield, MA 01360
Monday, August 8, 2017**

Present: Bob Hall, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin, Sue Ross
Absent: Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Joan Stoia

Call to order: Carol, Chair, at 4:05pm

Minutes: June 8th minutes not approved; waiting for edits and attachments
Motion to approve June 13th minutes: Lis Second: Sue Discussion some grammatical errors need correcting. No other discussion. Vote: passes unanimously

Mail: none

Old business:

- Bob will pursue the **Beers Plain Graves Project** before the September meeting.
- Carol: Waiting for August/September **town newsletter**. **Ames Trail signage** which Sue and Carol worked on was submitted July 5 with additions from Rich Holschuh following. Lis requests a copy for the Tribes. Lis is researching Council Fires. Sue sent some photos to Mt. Grace: one, from the 1890s, of the land, may or may not be the council fires area specifically. Submission included Native and Colonial history.
- Carol followed up with **MHC** about future grants and documentation; she spoke with John Patton who sent us archaeological material in December. He phoned Carol: his problem is NHC is on a list to get the information which must be photocopied (it's not digital), but they're shorthanded. She has not heard from anyone about the **future grants** or **certified government status**. Carol received good information from Ray Purington, Town Administrator for Gill; she has information to hand off to Don who is working on the **archaeology bylaw**. There is a question about the contrast of the site plan provisions.
- Joan and Joe haven't met about the **visitor center**. Sue volunteered to talk with Joan about the visitor's center.
- Discussion about **24 Main St.** and our role as historical commission. Motion: Lis: The NHC will act within our capacity to protect 24 Main St. and not extend our role without further discussion. Second: Bob. Discussion: none Vote: unanimous.
- Sue met with Northfield's new Town Administrator, Willie Morales, about the **Center Cemetery**. In Sandisfield, where he previously worked, he had experience with the renovation of an historic cemetery. Sue said he was not opposed to bringing someone in to look at the state of the stones and would like to be there when a visit is scheduled. During the meeting with Sue, Morales called Tom Walker, Northfield Superintendent of Streets & Building Maintenance, about meeting with the Historical Commission at the Center Cemetery. Sue will engage Keene Monument Company to come sometime after

September 1st for an onsite walk-through at the cemetery with members of the Commission, Morales and Walker.

- Bob returned to his concern about **veteran markers**. Lis: motion that Bob is empowered to speak with the Boy Scouts about researching the veteran markers; Second: Carol. Discussion: none Vote: passes unanimously Carol suggests Bob also talk with Willie Morales about Beers Plain.

New Business:

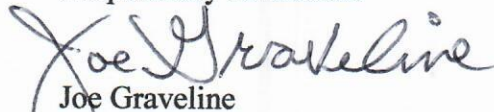
Bob: NHC needs a project like *Historic Barns of Northfield* for other historic property. There was discussion of historical vs. archaeological properties. Sue: The Historical Society has a walking tour of Main Street that could be re-issued. Historical Society looking to bring Ritchie Garrison to do a program on Stearns homes in Northfield.

Announcements/unforeseen: none

Next meeting: September 11, 2017

Motion to Adjourn: Sue, Second: Bob, passes unanimously 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted.


Joe Graveline
Secretary

September 11, 2017