

**NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL, 69 Main St, Northfield, MA  
Monday, December 11, 2017, at 4:00 PM  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Bob Hall, Carol Lebo, Joan Stoia

**Absent:** Lisa McLoughlin, Sue Ross

**Guest:** Homer Stavely (4:00pm)

**Call to Order** by Carol: 4:05pm

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

November 13, 2017 minutes: discussion: **motion to accept:** Joe; **second:** Bob; passes unanimously.

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**Old Business - updates**

- 24 Main Street – Site Plan not decided by Planning Board. Question if ZBA business is complete.
- MOU - Tribal Historic Preservation of Ceremonial Stone Landscapes – further discussion to finalize in January.
- Kocut Bill – Joe reports it is a good bill that is coming along nicely, thanks in large part to Bud Driver, Doug Harris, Nolumbeka, and Joe himself. (good website: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/H2929.pdf>)
- Bylaw – Joan has found interesting information in Belchertown Bylaws; she'll continue to research.
- Visitor Center - NHC happily invites trustees of First Parish Church in Northfield to January 8, 2018 meeting for discussion.

**New Business**

- MHC Preservation Projects Fund – Round 24 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund is announced. Carol and others will attend a workshop on January 11, 2018 in Williamsburg, MA.
- Mitchell Property – NHC has had concerns about this property for several years; concerns are heightened by recent events and potential future planning.
- NATABA planning – Joan reports they met with Agriculture Commission to brainstorm new projects. NATABA also working with Kiwanis to strengthen community.

**Citizen Input** – Homer Stavely joined us, bringing a letter from his wife Mary Mayshark-Stavely. They have been concerned for many years with the almost exclusive reference to Colonial History on the signs/markers in Northfield to the exclusion of Indigenous History. This is a concern NHC shares and has been working on with the recent Day of History, signs on Ayers Trail, and other work with Tribes. **Motion:** Joan; **Second:** Don: The Stavelys and NHC will work together to form a committee to address the issue and work toward presenting a better-balanced view of Northfield history. Passes unanimously

**Announcements**

- NATABA will host a welcoming party for Willie Morales, new Northfield Town Administrator, on Wednesday, December 20. 5:00 p.m. at Centennial House. All welcome.

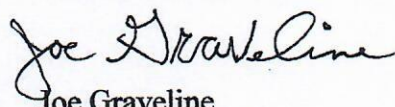
**Unforeseen items and announcements**

- Bob reiterated his interest in cemeteries and soldiers; he distributed information about a Civil War soldier from Chelsea, Ma. He is researching Northfield soldiers.
- CPA grant application for Boy Scout house sign is coming along

**Next Meeting January 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Northfield Town Hall**

**Adjournment:** motion at 5:45: Bob; **second:** Don; discussion: none; passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline

Secretary

January 8, 2018