

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

69 Main St., Town Hall

Northfield, MA

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 3:30 PM

Present: Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin

Absent: Bob Hall, Sue Ross, Joan Stoia

Visitor: Stephen Serebinski

Call to Order 3:35pm by Carol Lebo, chair

Minutes of Previous Meetings (7/9, 7/16, 7/21, 8/13).

Motion to accept 7/9 minutes: Don **Second:** Joe **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Passes

Unanimously

Motion to accept 7/16 minutes with spelling correction: Lis **Second:** Don **Discussion:**

None **Vote:** Passes Unanimously

Motion to accept 7/21 minutes: Joe **Second:** Carol **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Passes

Unanimously

Motion to accept 8/13 minutes: Don **Second:** Joe **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Passes

Unanimously

Mail none **Email:**

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP

The Massachusetts Historical Commission will host a workshop on Certified Local Government (CLG) communities on September 24, 2018 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston. Commissioners urged to go.

Citizen Input none

Old Business and Updates

Fire Plaque and Ceremony: The plaque cost less than anticipated. Saturday Oct 6th at 11am is the ceremony. Buffalo fire truck will drive over. Steve, Carol, Joan, and Skip Dunnell met. Joan wrote an article for the newsletter which is slated to get to residential mailboxes just beforehand; there has already been one article in the newspaper. Skip will gather an invitation list of former chiefs and others including some who served in that station; Paul Mark has agreed to come. Steve suggests a formal invite to people involved in town etc. by email and print by their mailboxes. There will be notification on NextDoor. Press release in progress by Joan.

First Light and FERC.

Joe said the Wampanoag Gayhead-Aquinnah and Abenaki Tribes are there on the archaeology digs. Joe has gone to some and reports that Mark Andrews (W of G-A) says they are doing a good job:

they are logging in their artifacts and switching automatically to a 1/8" mesh if anything is found in a 1/4" mesh. Joe brings additional information to them to give context for their report. Carol talked with Kit Carpenter (Gill Historical Commission) who asked what NHC was doing; Carol gave her an update and suggested she talk with Joe. Subsequently Joe talked with Lynne Tombs of GHC. Active, moving quickly; already ID two sites that will have phase II intensive digs, which will go more slowly. MHC has not been present. Concerning landholders: the way the law is written two letters are sent and two calls made. If there is no response, then that landholder is not part of the process. NHC will get complete report before a decision on scope of Phase II.

Continuing Business

NHC Warrant Article for Town Meeting postponed from May 2018

NHC emphasizes property owners' rights. We never got an answer about the SB decision on April 23 that found the NHC Warrant Article insufficient. Carol and Joan may talk to Gill which has a better process than we have. Carol should also ask Tracy Rogers to learn from her why it wasn't included. How do we get a letter through to Town Counsel? Suggestion: Submit a questioning letter to Selectboard and Town Administrator, publicly asking for articulate answers to assist NHC in drafting the Bylaw. Lis wants the lawyers to correct it; Joe wants to get definite answers about which laws were violated. NHC wants a sound correction and understanding of the Bylaw. **Motion:** Lis: Carol and Joe prepare a letter asking for the deficiencies of the article we submitted last spring and submit it to the Selectboard, Town Counsel, and Town Administrator with a deadline of one week for getting back to us. **Second:** Don **Discussion:** keep it simple; discussion of clarity of laws. **Vote:** passes unanimously.

Unanticipated Business

Joe was approached by Rich Holschuh and Roger Longtoe (Abenaki Elnu) who propose a MOU with NHC. Lis will send them the NHC template for discussion and modification. The NHC MOU with four federal Tribes is being delayed by ongoing intertribal discussions.

Joe will check in with Bob Hall.

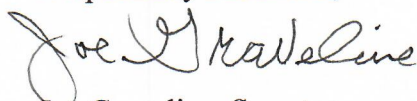
Announcements none

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 1, 2018

Adjournment

Joe: **Motion to adjourn 5:10pm;** Don: **second;** discussion: **none;** Vote: **Passes unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline, Secretary

October 1, 2018