

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Dickinson Memorial Library

Main St.

Northfield, MA

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 3:30 PM

Minutes

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

Call to Order 3:36pm by Carol Lebo, chair

Minutes of Previous Meeting: **Motion** to pass the minutes of the previous meeting (November 13, 2018): **Lis**; **Second:** Joe; **Discussion:** none; **Passes** unanimously

Mail

Llewellyn Letter: 1/3/19 Notice of Intent for first refusal on Llewelyn withdrawal from 61A to install solar panels. Need comments before 1/28/19.

1/9/19 Note to disregard the previous request.

MHC Announcements: Round of project funding with another meeting concerning annual preservation awards; Lis will attend January 23rd meeting in Williamsburg.

Town Mail and other miscellany

New Town reimbursement mileage rate of \$.58/mile.

NHC Annual Report---Carol will write, due March 1.

No article for February town newsletter.

Lane sold a great deal of property. NHC must be aware of implications as they occur in terms of historical properties in that area. NHC's interest is in protecting Historical sites.

NHC welcomes new Town Administrator Andrea Llamas and will invite her to a future meeting.

CPC is meeting tomorrow night. There are two applications under Historical Preservation: Steve Serendensky for Town Hall plaque restoration and Field Library members for a new front door. **Discussion.**

Citizen Input

Don Campbell was approached by a neighbor who said the schoolhouse at the end of Orange Rd. looks rough. Should NHC help preserve it? Don will investigate/ask owner if there is interest.

Old Business and Updates

First Light and FERC

(1) Carol presented a summary of TRC report for research they did during the summer; technical difficulties prevented full access to the disc. Joe talked to the chief archaeologist and MHC is asking for more details; MHC isn't happy with the report and may not be "releasing" it yet. **Motion** Don: "If, as it appears, the archaeological survey information is not on the disk provided, then we ask Carol to respectfully request timely access to that information, to which we are entitled as the local representatives of MHC, for us to review over the winter months."

Second: Lis **Discussion:** include "section C". **Passes** unanimously.

(2) 1/8/19 First Light request of FERC for transfer of license approval; NHC objects and drafted this letter which Lis will file. **Motion** to approve sending the letter: Don; **second:** Carol; no discussion; **Passes** unanimously.

"The NHC has learned of a plan for transfer of license, substitution of relicense applicant by FirstLight Hydro Generating Company Northfield Mountain LLC, Project No. 2485-077. We, the NHC, believe that FERC's approval of this application would violate the good faith assumptions that the parties to the relicensing process have been negotiating under since 2013. We object."

MA House Bill 2929 Joe spoke with Paul Mark for support of the bill; NHC wants a place at the table. Joe read a follow-up letter to Mark and the response saying they're working on it. Carol followed up. Joe is going to meet with the aid when he/she comes next.

Continuing Business

Northfield Newsletters Carol will submit article by March 5 for April/May Newsletter.

Item for Town Meeting postponed from May 2018 In October Carol spoke with the Town Attorney who suggested NHC prepare an updated Policy rather than Bylaw. Planning meeting set for one week from today.

Historical Commission Going Forward - postponed.

New Business

Heritage Consultants: Eversource Energy Project NHC was informed of replacement of a tower on Eversource land in Northfield and Erving. Carol and David Brule for Erving HC signed Curation Agreement. The Curation Agreement and results will be filed in the Springfield Science Museum, Carol feels she had excellent communication with Heritage. NHC appreciates the contact from MHC.

Unanticipated Business

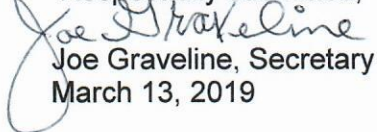
Cate Woolner is working on the Massachusetts State Seal and Columbus Day; Joe will coordinate.

Announcements none

Next Meeting: January 22, 2019

Adjournment 5:11pm Motion to adjourn: Carol **Second:** Joe no discussion and **Passes** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Joe Graveline, Secretary
March 13, 2019