

NORTHFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION

Town Hall

69 Main Street

Northfield, MA

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:45 PM

Present: Stacy Bond, Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Mary King, Carol Lebo,

Absent: Lis McLoughlin, Joan Stoia

Guest: Melissa Barton

Call to Order 6:02 by Carol Lebo, chair

Introduction: Mary King, new Commissioner; Melissa Barton, guest

Minutes of Previous Meeting 3/27/19 **motion** to accept minutes as corrected: Stacy; **second:** Joe; no discussion; **passes unanimously.**

Mail

Mass DOT: Marker Restoration Project: Tercentenary signs are being cleaned and restored beginning soon.

MHC Chris Skelly: Notification of coming Preservation Workshops

Center School Sign: Kathy Wright reports in progress.

Roads and Flood Resilience Workshop 5/3: announcement from Town Secretary

River Corridor Mapping Workshop: Announcement for May 3.

Citizen Input - none

Old Business and Updates

First Light and FERC:

NHC received copies of thank-you letters to Senators Markey and Warren and Congressman McGovern. It makes us wonder what they “said” to FERC. Carol will seek answers. To update newcomers Joe described the process and concerns NHC has discussed as the potentially fifty-year decision is made concerning relicensing of First Light projects on the Connecticut River. NHC will continue to monitor actions. Will there be a Stakeholders Meeting?

MA House Bill 2929 Joe explains history, It seems like the need and interest remain but action not happening in this session.

Llewellyn Property There are continuing questions about wetlands and sensitivity of the property with respect to the proposed solar farm.

Continuing Business

Sensitivity Map Confusion over sensitivity map giving statutory authority continues. Carol will check in with Town Attorney Jeff Blake and Town Administrator Andrea Llamas on verification of map authority and next steps to officially implement it. It is important to emphasize that NHC wants a directory role, not a veto. The goal is to inform and direct. Evidence suggests Northfield is an unprepared small town in terms of major development. NHC is soliciting buy-ins, emphasizing that knowledge is valuable. Idea: propose a town wide policy for communication and support within Commissions and Committees.

Meeting with SB – postponed

Historical Commission Going Forward – Candidates: interest continues. Melissa Barton's name will be sent forward to the SB for appointment as Alternate. .

Preston Plaque – on hold

New Business

CPC request: Update Historic Preservation part of the "CPC handbook". Suggestions due at next meeting – deadline postponed; request reiterated.

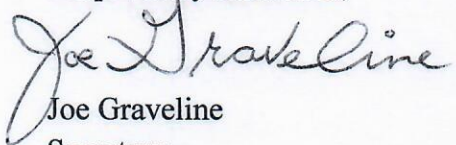
Unanticipated Business - none

Announcements

Next Meeting: May 7, 2019, 5:45 p.m., Dickinson Library.

Adjournment: 8:12 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn: Don; **second:** Stacy ; no discussion; passes **unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Graveline

Secretary

May 7, 2019