

Northfield Historical Commission

69 Main Street

Northfield, MA 01360

Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Present: Don Campbell, Joe Graveline, Bob Hall, Carol Lebo, Lisa McLoughlin, Sue Ross, Joan Stoia
No absences

Call to order: 4:00 pm: Carol, Chair

- Motion to accept March 15 minutes: Sue Second: Lis Discussion: none Passes unanimously.
- Motion to accept March 29 minutes with slight corrections: Joan Second: Joe Discussion: none Passes unanimously.
- Motion to accept April 13 minutes: Bob Second Sue Discussion: none Passes unanimously.
- Motion to accept March 15th executive session minutes: Joe Second: Discussion: none Passes unanimously

Mail

- Mike Laroux inquired with interest in the sheds behind the church. We suggested sending him to the UU Church and the Historical Society, both of whom have information.
- June 17th program at Eaglebrook School in Deerfield. Lis, Carol and Joe are going.
- Historical Commission Grant from Zinke: Sue will research for Mt Grace.
- Monday June 12th. Conference "Igniting a passion for history" available, but we might not have money (\$90) to go. We looked over content, and suggested maybe we can plan for next year.

Old business and Updates

- Alderbrook Jeffery Ames Trail Signage Content... The Tribes who reviewed the suggested content Lynne wrote rejected it. Mt Grace is in charge. Discussed strategy: how we would collaborate. Sue will call Mt Grace and offer to look over what they come up with, assisted by Tribes and Historical Commissions Working group.
- MHC Business: Carol straightened out the posting of the minute's procedure with Dan Campbell: should be all set now.

Continuing Business

- Day of History
 - Sunday June 11th: Carol brought the contract to the Select Board---talked to Paul and Sandra who suggested it looked pro-forma and no reason for Carol to attend the Select Board meeting. Then an e-mail Carol received suggested the town had concerns with 4 or 5 things on the contract - the town has never had a First Light contract before. Carol answered their questions. Since no food will be sold, we are OK. On Thursday, the Select Board can sign it. If before 2 pm, Joan can bring it to First Light; if not, Sandra will mail.
 - Carol checked our finances; we have \$450 to be spent by June 30th. We also have another account from contributions: "gifts account" balance of \$57. We will need an invoice from the Elnu. No drum contracts worked out.
 - NATABA will likely contribute \$100: Joan will liaise. The NATABA and Historical Society can use their e-mail addresses to help publicize our event (Joan and Sue). Library might also help with publicity. Also publicize to Fort #4.

- Checked in with everyone on his or her assigned tasks.
- Joe read his press release for us to edit.
- We will meet June 8th at 4pm at the Visitor Center to look over the area.
- Carol will print posters. Discussed lawn signs, arrows and directions.
- Community Archaeology: Wayland MA is active and talked with Don about archaeology - might be a resource in helping us in the next step. We need a complete list of historical places in Northfield and timeline about community archaeology going up to next May. Don will research his contacts. We would like the community to own/protect those special places. Carol is working with MHC.
- Visitors Center: 24 Main Street: MADEP District 1 tracking number #17458 Permanent solution report is going to be posted by the end of June, after which the site is considered cleaned up.
- Northfield Center Cemetery and Memorial for Marie Ferre: Sue called Keene Monuments Company, which will contract with a town or work with a town to repair and clean monuments. Towns come up with the money. KMC does a survey with photos and then discusses the situation, prioritizes the work and scopes out the cost, all services for free. If we decide to go ahead, we inform the town and go to the CPA and get a match or something. KMC has recently worked with Putney, VT and Surry, NH. They will work whenever the money is available. They have all the equipment they need to lift and move heavy stones and will be able to help with the Marie Ferre memorial stone bench when we are ready to do that. Sue commented the cemetery is in sad shape. She suggests walking around with these people; she will go and is hoping a few of us will go as well. Bob Hall: we do not have a complete list of the Vets buried in Northfield. We need a new sign for the cemetery as well: perhaps, Jerry Wag metal sign artist. This is a longer-term project. There is no money in the Friends of the Cemetery fund because it was given to the town; we need to research if it is available at this point of time. We discussed fundraising for Marie monument, will contact the American Harmonies too.

Additional Items Brought Fourth

- Boy scout building bronze plaque query. We will look up the state's plaque program --- Joan
- Steve Sadyjnski: Joan has communicated with him to help with the town hall windows and has met with him. She advised him to go to the energy commission and coordinate with the library to assure non-interference. He is considering architectural firms: \$35,000 per window is too steep.
- No response from the state reps on the docket # 3575/ HB 698.
- We still need archaeological reports from MHC---Carol is working on that issue.

Announcements

Next Meeting June 13, 2017 at 4pm Town Hall, Northfield

Adjournment: Motion: Sue Second: Joe Discussion: none Vote: passes unanimously at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Graveline

Joe Graveline, Secretary

June 13, 2017