

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:03** p.m.

Members present: Channing Howard, Jan Forrest, Eva Jackman, Rebecca Fuller and Rich Morin

Members absent: Lon Hachmeister

Guest(s): Jack Rybicki

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 09, 2023 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lon emailed "no changes" to email for our meeting. He is away.

WEBSITE REPORT: Rebecca is still waiting to meet with the new IT director to get the updated 1635 website launched! Rebecca will create list of login information for the new website, so we can gain access if necessary in the future. She asked Rich for any pictures, etc. on his report on Indigenous people.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from: Pink House meeting at PITA hall; Rochelle: Pink House MACRIS update; Lily Stevens re: Boy Scout genealogy badge; Josh Hurd, JDH Appraisals Services (question on aerial photography); History Alliance email 2024 schedule of upcoming "conversations"; MHC MPFF Virtual workshops, etc. Inspectional services, email re: Ferry House meeting; Thomas Woodman question re: contact by his family.

Email to: Rosemary Costello re: DDB info we have dealt with in the past. Jan sent a reply.

Paper Mail: MHC postcard

Phone Call(s): none

NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Updates on Pink house meeting at PITA hall, etc. discussion on land trade, etc.
2. Josh Hurd question: It was suggested the inquiry on aerial photography be sent the email address that he found at an earlier meeting. Jan will forward website info. Jan had already replied to contact the Assessor's office. Jack Rybicki also added comments on websites.
3. Rebecca took the information for the Boy Scout request for changes to website adding an info page.
4. Woodman email does not appear to be a legitimate request.
5. Inspectional Services: Ferry house High Rd. – discussion of property, question of the address #, etc. Ferry house meeting at Town Hall – Rich will attend the meeting on the 18th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Prior month's note on changes of substitutional materials from the Dept. of Interior – NPR. Jan will find and print out material. There is a lot of discussion on MassHistPress of the need to substitute materials and continue to keep the "historic" look of the buildings.
2. Channing is still working through information for Roof materials and vendors.
3. Rich will get info from Channing on Fire Extinguisher for the Schoolhouse. Brief discussion regarding getting out of the building vs. trying to save it and risk injury.
4. MACRIS updates – look at previously handed out information on houses not on MACRIS, but on lists of houses created by year built. Jan asked for everyone to review, so we can narrow down the most significant.

5. Lon should purchase a new box for outside materials and he volunteered to fix the wooden electric box. We need updates when Lon is at the next meeting.
6. National Parks Service updated Substitution Materials from the Dept. of Interior.
7. Maps in the attic of the Schoolhouse were brought down. We will review available space on the walls to see if we can hang them.

DISCUSSION

1. Pink House – discussion of the meeting at PITA hall.
2. Eva spoke on meeting that was held and a discussion was had to rebuild the haystacks off Rte.1.
3. Ferry house – brief discussion on demo permit.
4. Jack Rybicki – Paupers and Almshouse, question of the old burial ground/cemetery and putting up a memorial stone. Jack gave an interesting talk on the history of Almshouse located in Byfield. He did extensive research, starting with the Town's laser fiche. He brought up the idea of having a memorial stone put on the Triton High School property, as it is very near to the actual burial area, which is now in private hands. Further research and discussion will be needed. He also has an extensive collection of information he can give to us to copy and return to him.
5. Rich did research on the organ at the Schoolhouse organ.

LHDSC (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE) – UPDATES FROM LON

None

DDB DISCUSSION - See notes in correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **February 8, 2024**

This meeting was adjourned at **8:20 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest 03/14/2024

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Date of approval: