

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:02** p.m.

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

Members absent: Lon Hachmeister, and Eva Jackman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with one correction and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No changes from the prior month. Lon emailed with information that the portable toilet will be increasing in price for 2023. A new American Flag will be purchased for the flagpole, as the current flag is torn; a new Newbury Town Flag will also be purchased.
Report information emailed by Lon H. Reviewed and approved by all. Channing brought up the need to update this year's budget with the increase for the portable toilet and the new Admin position. Salary was approved at \$5k additional money will be needed \$1,631.04 for this fiscal yr.to =\$6631.04.

WEBSITE REPORT:

1. Rebecca continues to work on the website. It is a long process, but progress is being made.
2. Rich is researching information on indigenous people. We are hoping to add more information to the website. Discussion on adding Archivist at Newburyport Library; Christine Malpica, Indigenous people authority, and Mary Ellen LoPionka, Rowley Historical Society, who has a PHD in Anthropology, on the resources in the area. Brief discussion on local history, etc. Rich will continue to reach out to local experts.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from: Martha Taylor, Town Planner follow up on an e-mail I sent re: Marsh Meadow Barn report from the gentlemen who dismantled the barn on any information on dates of the structure. . No response to date from the Jespersens.

Shelia Richardson, 7 Forest, Street, Byfield, Ma question on PR, etc. – response sent

Eric Steeves: requesting information on windmills on Plum Island; response sent.

Alasdair Peebles: requesting info on Barton family children. Lon had info and responded.

Lon sent photos of the leaks in the Schoolhouse roof.;

Trails and Sails (dated 11/22/2022) requesting info on numbers of visitors, etc. to finalize numbers.

Email sent to Eva to reply. Tony Matthews inquired about information of new committee called Local Historic Study Committee. Jan replied that it is probably the LHDSC for the Lower Green.

Elliott Warburton (Delaware) – photos of Snuff mills in Newbury/Byfield that are mislabeled in the Library of Congress as being in Yorklyn, DE.; Permit Link (Point S/W) changes in personnel, etc.;

BDE digital marketing inquiry on updating our 1635 website

Tracy Blais: Excel report for HC goals, accomplishments, etc. and an announcement of the first meeting of the LHDSC, Lower Green on 01/17/2023.

MHC: 1) MPPF Round 29 workshop info (post marked 11/30/2022).email for 2023 Virtual

Workshops schedule.

Mail: Christmas card from *Support the Pink House*; Postcard from Blackburn Building Conservation.

NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Jan sent an e-mail to the DPW regarding care of the area around the “Father/Witch” stone at 15 Coleman Rd.
2. Excel information on goals from Tracy Blais was handed out to members. We created a few and asked everyone to write down any further items after they had time to think.
3. Mills photos were reviewed and discussion was held on loss of mills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Schoolhouse roof leaks and attic window repair needed. Channing gave information about his search for Dept. of the Interior replacement on Roof shingles. Jan will put an inquiry out on MassListServe.
2. Window 2nd floor broke. Rich volunteered to look in the Schoolhouse attic to see if there is an old window available to use. A discussion ensued on repairs, cost, painting, etc. Jan will check for information on ListServe.
3. Jan is still looking for information from Joanie Puritan on a drive around identifying historic houses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An admin position was funded at the last Town Meeting. Channing spoke with Tracy Blais to set up position. The job requires concentration on MACRIS listing, Lower and Upper Green, and the DDB, etc. Also, checking in with Martha Taylor and Inspectional Services for any issue, etc. on a regular basis. Jan will be filling it, and concentrating on the items listed, as well as active participation on List Serve.
2. Questions were raised on work on the barn roof at 5 Hanover. This Property has a PR and CR. Jan checked on Permit link and could not find a permit. She will check with Inspectional Services.
3. Excel Spreadsheet from Tracy Blais to be filled out. Discussion was held on goals, etc. Member were asked to think of any other items, not discussed during the meeting and forward them to Jan for inclusion,
4. Jan found photos on an old calendar and asked about including them on the website, Also, she handed out information on the Time Capsule buried on the Lower Green. Rebecca asked to have this forwarded to her for inclusion on the 1635 website.

DISCUSSION

1. Channing talked about the great photos and maps Jack Rybicki has putting up on Facebook. He encouraged the group to look at the information.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **February 9, 2023.**

This meeting was adjourned at **8:17 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest 02/09/2023

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Date of approval: