

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:05** p.m.

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

Members absent: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with 2 corrections and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No changes from the prior month. Lon ordered portable toilet for upcoming season from same company as last year. There was only a minor increase from prior year. New flags were purchased: Town flag and U.S. Flag. Lon will purchase 2 fire extinguishers and 2 signs to identify where they are, and also purchase 2 containers of Damp Rid. There was a problem with the last set of reprints of the visitor's map. The number 100 is written across the entire set. We assume it was the printer's note and they used the hard copy instead of the flash drive. Lon will deposit donations from the Schoolhouse. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

WEBSITE REPORT: The 1635 Website has a warning popping up ...unsafe site. Rebecca checked in with Matt in IT and he said it should correct itself and it was OK to use the site as it is, but will need to be repaired. Jack Rybicki has given permission for information he has researched. Rebecca is going to try to incorporate his information with the 1635 website with notation of his contributions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from: Preservation Planning: Henry Cook, Randolph HC; Dolly Wilson, Stoneham HC; Erin Thompson, NPL – review of file cabinets with HC items, question if preservation is needed on anything; Kristen Grubbs, Asst. Planner expressed her interest in attending one of our meetings; Jennifer Reed, 7 Parker St., follow up email.

Phone Call: Nancy/Fred Thurlow on actual location of 1st settler's landing place.

NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Call update: Nancy/Fred Thurlow on actual location of 1st settler's landing place. Rod conversion was incorrect, so the actual landing place is within a few feet from the Stone's location! Brief discussion of the various placements of Thurlow's bridge over the years.
2. Brief discussion on e-mail from 26 High Rd. - questions from owner on repairs to house. House is "new" for the Upper Green area and they are only repairing/replacing windows, etc. We have no issue with the repairs. Permit Link will be updated to OK (approved).
3. Stoneham HC - Jan is waiting to speak with Dolly Wilson regarding information on costs, etc. for surveys; Randolph gave us some info on the cost/survey they received, but they are also a CPA town. Brief discussion on cost for surveys by outside contractors. It can easily go in the tens of thousands. Channing is also attempting to contact folks.
4. The new owners of 7 Parker St., Noyes House have requested information. Jan replied with some and also sent a request to Eva to contact them.

5. House plaques came up and we need to find a good sample as one person/company who did them has died. Lon will look for information he has from prior searches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Lon has the original book of the work done on the Schoolhouse for the Bi-Centennial. Lon prepped the document by removing the pages from the plastic sleeves, etc. and will proceed with getting it copied per prior meeting's OK on pricing, etc.
2. Updates on Master Plan and Planning Board schedule to review with the public, etc.
Jan handed out the updated pages of the Historical Commission's Goals/Actions for the future. Jan met with both Martha Taylor and Kristen Grubbs (Asst. Planner) to review corrections, action plans, etc. (see discussion below).
3. Rich will try to find a "group" calendar we can use for the Schoolhouse coverage.
4. Update from Lon on LHDSC: 2 houses do not wish to be part of the district. There will be an informational meeting on the Lower Green/Schoolhouse in June for the neighborhood.

DISCUSSION

1. Kristen Grubbs – Assist. Town Planner – introduced to the HC members and she gave a brief summary of her work history. She was formerly part of town planning in Ipswich, now lives in Newbury. Kristen expressed a desire to be more involved and Eva spoke of the need to have Planning looking at open space issues, etc. Kristen also asked us to introduce ourselves. Channing also expressed a desire to have more contact with the Planning Board and reviving intra-board/committee communication. Eva mentioned we do not have a copy of the Cultural Council report on Newbury.
Kristen brought up the intended demolition of a white house on Governor's property. Channing and Eva both looked at the property. Nothing was done at the time; old demo permit would not be expired.
She gave an update on the Master Plan. Final Draft will be released next week and a public meeting is planned for 06/29/2023 at the NPL.
2. Trails and Sails: Eva has signed up for this year. Dates are 09/15 – 24, 2023. Schoolhouse will be opened 11-3 on 09/16 & 17th and 09/23 & 24th. Coverage will be decided later. Eva also spoke with Bethany (MOON) and she would like more interaction between our two groups. Eva will look at getting 1st settler info, so it is available to us and the Schoolhouse.
3. We had a discussion on the need for the Inventory to get done, how to identify, how to get information from other cities/towns on how they got their grants.
4. Schoolhouse coverage schedule was completed through July 2nd.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **July 13, 2023**.

This meeting was adjourned at **8:50 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest

07/13/2023

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Date of approval: