

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## FINAL MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2023**

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:12** p.m.

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

**Members absent:** None

**Guest(s):** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting were approved. October 12, 2023 meeting minutes were also approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lon read and explained the FY 2024 budget information to date. He went to Town Hall to get the budget \$\$'s straightened out (FY2023 vs. FY2024) and get remaining invoices entered to be paid. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Rebecca is just waiting to meet with the new IT director to get the updated 1635 website launched! The website will remain under the control of the HC, as it has always been. Rebecca will create list of login information for the new website, so we can gain access if necessary in the future.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Email from:** Masshistpress: New Alternative Material; MHC; Pink House meeting at PITA hall; Masshistpress; MHC: Next round of submission info for grants; webinar on deconstruction and reuse of materials; MHC more grant information sent; Dennis Palazzo – new Veterans Grave Office  
Building Inspector question on 1 Hanover for interior updates and renovate attic space; information requested on 10 Kent Way;  
Russ Barry, re: photos;

**Email to:** Rosemary Costello re: DDB info

**Paper Mail:** Signed *Deed of Gift* form from Robert Ross for Coffin Book (previously donated).

**Phone Call(s):** none

### **NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Prior month's note on changes of substitutional materials from the Dept. of Interior – NPR. Jan will find the information on the website and print out if not too long to hand out. 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. Discussion on Pink house (see below).
3. Inspectional Services – replied to a request from a Realtor – we do not do the research for them.  
1 Hanover - Cosmetic updates, etc. what type of windows? Jan will inquire info from building dept. Brief discussion of NHRD properties. No restrictions on this building. We do have concerns on any changes in this area, as it is in a NHRD.  
Send note to Building Dept. on 10 Kent Way re: inquiry needed ASAP. We cannot respond to emergency requests. Jan responded to Chrissy.
4. Veterans Grave Officer - requesting what his responsibilities are, etc. Jan replied with email addresses of whom to contact for this information. Veterans Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup>!
5. Robert Ross requested higher resolution photos of the Lower Green area and dates. Lon replied and send him a "better" photo and approximate dates on the photos.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Channing is still working through information for Roof materials and vendors.
2. 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.
3. Channing looked at the list of things that are Unfinished Business: plastic box outside for materials needs replacing, old electric meter box outside needs repair. Lon should purchase a new box and he volunteered to fix the wooden electric box. We need updates when Lon is at the next meeting.
4. National Parks Service updated Substitution Materials from the Dept. of Interior.
5. 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.
6. 1 High Rd. – Eva has asked the owners to give her the information they already have on the history of the building, deeds, etc. update existing information on MACRIS, and update any errors etc.

## DISCUSSION

1. MassHistPres: Biggest subject in discussion is the installation of “mini’splits heating/AC units.
2. DDB’s are now getting more attention with other HC’s due to the developers – extensions of time and working to restrictions on properties and the best way to accomplish these things. We need to work on updating our DDB and should have a work session in the near future on this. Is there a percentage of the work to be done? Review is needed. Activation of the DDB was also discussed.
3. Pink House – discussion of the fate of the Pink House and upcoming meeting a PITA hall.
4. Eva spoke on behalf of the Sons and Daughters requesting notification of when the Lower Green Schoolhouse is open. They would like to have their sites available for visitors. If there is a special event they are hosting, they might request the Schoolhouse be available. Eva will make sure all parties are informed as needed.
5. A discussion of the Great Marsh symposium that was held at Governor’s. Several HC members attended and gave their critiques of the event.
6. Jan found a picture in an old newspaper of the Schoolhouse.

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

Lon did a detailed plan for the Study Report. Sections have been divided up amongst members. Surveys will be sent out to all residents. Rebecca suggested that the group create an online presence for residents to be able to review what is going on, etc. A Town Meeting is needed to accept the LHD.

**DDB DISCUSSION** - See notes in correspondence.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **December 14, 2023**.

This meeting was adjourned at **7:55 p.m.**

*Janice M. Forrest*

*01/11/2024*

Janice Forrest

Date of approval: