

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:06 WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Hall.

Members present: Channing Howard, Nancy Thurlow, Jan Forrest, Lon Hachmeister, and Sue Nagle

Members absent: Eva Jackman

Guest: John Cole, "Old House Whisperer"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the [March 10 & March 30, 2016](#) meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept with minor changes, seconded, and the motion carried with unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. E-mail request for info/suggestions by Jan and Nancy.
2. MHC-newsletter

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted by unanimous vote

As of [April 14, 2016](#)

General Fund \$ 508.14

Special Archival Fund \$5,540.95

Gift Fund \$1,556.90

Total \$ 7,605.99

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

OLD /CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. We need to check to see which historic Newbury books are missing from their collection. Check the School house for booklets to reproduce. The decision on reproducing a booklet or pamphlet will be further discussed at a later date. **Need List from Eva when it is ready.** (See 12/10/15 Minutes for further titles).
2. Question was raised about creating a Local Historic District around the Lower Green. Can we change By-laws to protect the Town owned land?
3. Channing would like to look into having the Fatherland Farm (Town Property) stone wall put on the Historic Register. The wall is in disrepair and needs to have its balance restored. This wall is near Manta field.
4. We have been getting inquiries on Historic House Plaques.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

- 1. Eva needs to sign off on *Open Meeting law receipt* and return to Leslie Howard, Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. None

DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Special guest: John Cole (the Old House Whisperer). We discussed our need to be able to identify the age of houses, especially in cases of demos. We can hire John to document the age of any structure, as he has vast knowledge of dating houses.
We further discussed having a public lecture held. We will need a venue; a tentative date of June 7th was cited. John may need assistance/introduction from the NHC members to gain entrance into several old houses. He is interested in certain houses in the area. He will need assistance in contacting owners
- 2. Channing will contact Jim Cunningham regarding restoration for the salt marsh hay stacks on Plum Island.
- 3. A Discussion was held regarding Article #7 on the Town Warrant regarding the replacement of windows in the Arts Center in Byfield. A letter was drafted and approved for Jan to send to Tracy Blais, Town Administrator.

DDB DISCUSSION

- 1. None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be on Thursday, [May 12](#) at 7:00 at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Janice Forrest 05/12/2016

Jan Forrest Date of approval
Clerk