

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM 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, and Lon Hachmeister

Members absent: Eva Jackman and Sue Nagle

Guests: John Cole, "Old House Whisperer"; Brandon Powers (possible Associate member)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the [April 14, 2016](#) meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and the motion carried with unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Post Card from MHC – informational only

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted by unanimous vote

As of May 12, 2016	<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 508.14
	<i>Special Archival Fund</i>	\$4,186.48
	<i>Gift Fund</i>	<u>\$1,556.90</u>
	Total	\$ 6,251.52

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 Manter field.
4. We have been getting inquiries on Historic House Plaques.
5. Channing needs to contact Jim Cunningham regarding restoration for the salt marsh hay stacks on Plum Island.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Member renewals are up for Jan Forrest and Eva Jackman. Both will ask to be approved by the BOS for another term. Jan/Channing will notify Ellen via memo for the BOS meeting.
2. A suggestion was put forth to allow the purchasing of supplies, as needed, with the funds remaining in the HC General Fund. The motion was made to accept, seconded, and the motion carried with unanimous vote.

DISCUSSIONS

1. Special guest: John Cole (the Old House Whisperer). Discussion was held on the Lecture to be given at the Newbury Public Library. Jan Forrest and Channing will assist in asking for folks to meet/speak with John to take photos of their houses for the lecture. Caleb will be at the Lecture to film for the Town Hall station. Jan will secure date and time of Lecture and discuss refreshments will be discussed in June. John left after this discussion.
2. The need to update and revise the Visitor's Guide/Map was discussed. Nancy located a working copy from Chris. Nancy found numerous errors when reviewing the document. Lon will scan the document that Nancy found. It was decided that a public round table discussion to address the need to update this map/guide, would also help get the community involved. Future discussion by the HC will take place in the fall on a date, venue, advertising, etc.
3. The School House on the Lower Green will be open Memorial Day through at least Labor Day. Nancy reordered the School House pamphlet/handout.
4. Article #7 on Special Town Meeting agenda: Channing made a statement at the Town Meeting (see A below). We will need to follow up with James Sarette, Director of Public Works to see what decision has been made for materials to be used.
5. Jan requested we work on a "Mission Statement" for the NHC section of the new Town website. Using the wording on the original "statement" of the purpose of the NHC, we drafted a working copy, (see B below). We will revise, if necessary, on the next meeting.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. None

