

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:45 PM WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the School House on the Lower Green.

Members present: Channing Howard, Jan Forrest, Sue Nagle, Eva Jackman, and Lon Hachmeister

Members absent: Nancy Thurlow

Guests: Brandon Powers (Associate member)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the [May 12, 2016](#) meeting were presented. A motion was made to hold approval until September meeting. We do not have a quorum.

June - Minutes were not taken, as the meeting was a planning session regarding refreshments for the Lecture with John Cole. No other HC business was discussed, as we did not expect to have a quorum. Nancy, Sue, Eva, and Jan were present.

July – No meeting was held.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MHC – informational newsletter
2. MCPC – notice on highway information – no action needed

TREASURER’S REPORT: Accepted by unanimous vote

As of August 18, 2016	<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 1,375.00
	<i>Special Archival Fund</i>	\$5,885.54
	<i>Gift Fund</i>	<u>\$1,456.26</u>
	Total	\$ 8,716.80

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 get sworn in as a Member for her new term – see Leslie Haley, Town Clerk.
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. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. A friend of Sue Nagle, Carolyn Casey, would like to become a member of NHC. Sue will invite her to come to meetings as an associate member, so she can get acclimated to what we do. She is interested in working with old photos, etc. and doing research. We will be happy to have her join the meetings.
2. Channing has a discussion with Selectman Walker regarding the NHC being left out of the 40B training. This is an important

DISCUSSIONS

1. Discussion was held on the Lecture by John Cole (the Old House Whisperer). All members felt the Lecture was basically informative, pictures of houses in Newbury were helpful, but we need more detail information on how to identify structure features of older houses.
2. Article #7 on Special Town Meeting agenda (replacing windows in Arts Center): 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.
3. Jan requested we review the “Mission Statement” for the NHC section of the new Town website. We drafted the statement at the May meeting, using the wording on the original “statement” of the purpose of the NHC (see B below). Statement below was approved.
4. See #2 under Old Business Updates. Lon will have copies of the map made, so they can be distributed to the Library and Town Hall prior to the meeting. We need to have folks leave information/changes on the back with the sources e.g. e-mail address of the person/or contact information; ways to verify the information; and what they are changing (with the corresponding number/letter on the existing map/guide) or adding other places of interest.

Jan will place the information on the NHC section of the Town Website and contact newspapers to advertise when a date is set. We need to set a date for the end of Sept/beginning of October to get folks to assist before the holidays start.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. We need to touch base with Sam on the need for the Commission to get copied on all requests for potential demolitions. Channing will follow up with Sam. Jan has met and will follow up with the new clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be on Thursday, [Sept 8th](#) at 7:00 at Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Jan Forrest

09/15/16

Jan Forrest
Clerk

Date of approval

A:

TOWN OF NEWBURY ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS APRIL 26, 2016

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,950.00, or any other sum, from the Stabilization Fund, to replace the windows at the Byfield Grange Building; or take any other action in relation thereto. (2/3 Vote Required) Motion: D. Jespersen I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$17,950.00 from the Stabilization Fund to replace the windows at the Byfield Grange Building. Motion seconded. **Channing Howard**, Chair of the Historical Commission, stated that new style windows were not considered by the Historical Commission to be in keeping with the antiquity of the building. The HC would like to see the current windows restored. Per Larry Guay of the Capital Planning Committee, it is not their charge to specify the type of windows in the building, only to recommend funding for the improvement. The Moderator declared that a 2/3 vote is required. Vote taken. The Moderator declared that the motion was approved by greater than the 2/3 vote required.

B: Mission Statement for Town Website:

To protect and preserve the Town of Newbury's vast historical and cultural resources for present and future generations.