

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014*

** We did not have a quorum at the March 12, 2014 meeting, so we took up no business.*

CALL TO ORDER

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm Visitor's Center, Little's Lane, on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The meeting convened at 6:33 PM.

Members present: Chris Drelich, Channing Howard, Nancy Thurlow, and Sue Nagle.

Members absent: Lon Hachmeister

Associate members present: Jan Forrest, Eva Jackman.

Associate members absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2013 and February 2014 meetings were presented (there was no January meeting). A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes as presented. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 16, 2014

<i>General Fund</i>	\$301.10
<i>Gift Fund</i>	\$1,575.78
<i>Special Article Fund</i>	\$6,068.50
<i>Total</i>	\$7,945.38

OLD BUSINESS

1. Viking Presentation set for 4/24/14

Some time was spent planning for Dillon Mroz's presentation set for Thursday, April 24th at the Byfield Community Arts Center (Grange building). We are looking forward to the presentation.

2. Special Municipal Employees

Channing would like the Historical Commission to be appointed "Special Municipal Employees" (see November 2013 meeting minutes for background). Chris will write to the Board of Selectmen and get this matter on their agenda.

3. Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

Time was spent reviewing the latest iteration of the proposed DDB and weighing potential changes to the date of buildings affected and the length of the delay. Members were charged with the task of reflecting on these two items and bringing their thoughts to the next HC meeting.

We also raised the question as to how far in advance we would need to submit the proposed DDB for inclusion at Fall Town Meeting. Chris will investigate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership

Three members’ terms are up on June 30th: Channing Howard, Chris Drelich, and Sue Nagle. All three members expressed an interest in being reappointed for another three-year term. Also, recognizing the efforts of Jan Forrest and Eva Jackman, our Associate Members, a MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to ask the Selectmen to appoint Jan and Eva to regular membership on the Historical Commission, effective immediately. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The slate of candidates will be presented as follows:

Chris Drelich	term ends	6/30/17
Channing Howard		6/30/17
Sue Nagle		6/30/17
Lon Hachmeister	term ends	6/30/16
Jan Forrest		6/30/16
Nancy Thurlow	term ends	6/30/15
Eva Jackman		6/30/15

2. Annual Report

Chris Drelich raised the question as to when the Historical Commission Annual Report is due, since we weren’t asked to provide one. He will follow up with Kathy Sirois, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen.

3. Schoolhouse Preparations

We decided to once again rent the porta-potty from P.A. Wilkinson Septic. All agreed that it was a wonderful resource for cyclists, joggers, and visitors to the area. Chris will contact the company and schedule a delivery date.

A MOTION was made by Sue Nagle to authorize Chris Drelich to spend a sum, not exceeding \$301.10, to secure the porta-potty from P.A. Wilkinson and purchase additional items for the opening of the schoolhouse this summer, including – but not limited to – a bulletin board for the front coatroom, rain screen for the attic window, and some small spotlights to highlight display items. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Schoolhouse Maintenance

The east face of the schoolhouse has ‘punk’ clapboards near the bottom and we still have large holes in the chimney at the attic level. Channing will contact Sam Joslin, Building Commissioner, to see if there’s a plan in place.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 pm in Town Hall (unless otherwise announced).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.



Christopher Drelich,
Clerk/Treasurer

5/22/14

Date of approval