

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at 7:10 p.m. via Zoom

Members present: Channing Howard, Jan Forrest, Lon Hachmeister, and Rebecca Fuller,

Members absent: Eva Jackman, Nancy Thurlow (Alt.).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the **March 12, 2020** meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and carried with unanimous vote. No meetings were held in Apr-Dec 2020; Jan-Feb 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence: MHC (Postcards). Letter from Kansas with copied photos of descendants; Photo from the Eliot Maine Historical Society. Photo from Mr. Twidwell of a Grace Consuntine (?). Lon responded to him. We do not want the photo, but thanked him for asking.
E-mails: Mass. Registry of Deeds re: making a notable land record project; Boxford Historical Commission, Laurie Rowen; Bethany Dorau, HNE to ask for letter to support Dole-Little House

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Prepared by Lon H, as of current and update on last fiscal yr. ended 06/30/2020.

WEBSITE REPORT:

1. 1635 website: Rebecca is able to access the website. We can now add photos, new tabs and new info as needed. A question was raised about electronic storage. Rebecca will check with Matt (Town Hall) and see if we have access to cloud storage.
2. Lon mentioned that Dick Puritan gave him stack of photos and 2 albums. They need to be scanned and added as appropriate.
3. Find out about larger than 8 1/2 x 11 scanner in Town Hall and how to get them stored in a cloud? Discussion ensued to look into having this available to all members, website, and the general public.
4. The need to get photos, etc. to add the website followed as Channing talked about the trolley and mills photos being posted on Facebook.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bethany Dorau, HNE to ask for letter to support Dole-Little House application for to allow them to get a preservation grant. A motion was made to send the letter by Janice, 2nd Lon, unanimous approval.
2. 2021 Fiscal Budget: Sign at the Falls in Byfield needs to be replaced. Channing will try to contact previous sign company to see about a new one being made of a more sustainable material (not wood).
3. Need new photos taken of the Schoolhouse. Postcards are gone. Rebecca will bring her Mom down to take new photos.
4. Lon will check the organ, if a problem, we need repair.

5. Lon suggested the globe might be repaired – we agreed it was not old enough or worth the expenditure.
6. We will need to redo the Schoolhouse brochure after we have new pictures.
7. Jan suggested we replace the list of first settlers. She will give Lon a copy to get more made.
8. Lon will see what postcards we have available to reprint. We need the original photo for the best resolution.
9. Lon will take care of getting the portable toilet

DISCUSSION

1. School house opening. Jan will contact DPH and Safety Officer regarding Covid 19 rules/regs of opening this year.
2. The barn on Marsh Meadow lane was discussed due to the lack of a Cupola on the top. A letter was sent to Sam Joslin (former Building Inspector) at the time we were tasked with approving the permit. The cupola was specifically stated to be restored. This permit is currently “not completed” in Permit Link and Channing will contact Peter to be sure the HC recommendations are to be followed before the project is deemed complete.
3. 280 High Rd Barn renovations – no comment needed from the HC.
4. 277 High Rd – old building was torn down and new addition was added. Channing will look into the demo. We are concerned with the entire structure.
5. FY Atkinson House was sold (5 Hanover St.). It has a very strict Preservation Restriction. We need to be sure that the Building dept. is aware of the restrictions, etc. Jan to send info to Peter Bennett
6. Discussion of 15 Coleman Rd subdivision. Discussion ensued on the proposal. Jan sent a letter to Planning Board that we no comment on proposed subdivision, but noted the owner was not tearing down the original house and protecting the “Witch” stone in the boundary wall. The Historical Commission was not notified of the Site walk.
7. 217-221 High Rd. – no action/no comment. No historical significance.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. 26 Elm St. (Govern Dummer Academy). Request for review by Peter Bennette, Building Inspector re: razing the existing structure. Channing did an on-site visit and took photos. The demo was approved with conditions stated in a letter (03/12/2021) requesting certain 300 yr old hardware items in the house (box locks, fireplace hardware and brass jam hooks) be preserved by the Academy for a future restoration project.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **April 08, 2021.**

This meeting was adjourned at **8:35 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest 07/08/2021

Janice Forrest

Date of approval