

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

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

**Members present:** Channing Howard, Carolyn Casey, Jan Forrest, Lon Hachmeister, Eva Jackman, Rebecca Fuller, and Nancy Thurlow (Alt.).

**Members absent:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the **January 9, 2020** meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept with correction, seconded, and carried with unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Correspondence: MHC Annual Preservation Awards and Mass Preservations Projects Fund; Commonwealth Museum pamphlet; Blackburn Building Conservation, LLC pamphlet  
E-mails: Mass. Registry of Deeds re: making a notable land record project

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Prepared by Lon H, as a draft dated March 12, 2020. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and carried with unanimous vote.
2. Lon discussed the need for a new contract for the portable toilet at the Schoolhouse. Our former contractor is no longer in this business. Lon contacted multiple companies in the area and presented his findings. We must go with the lowest bid, as this is Town policy. A motion was made by Channing for Lon to make arrangements with Reds and if any problems arise with billing or services he can make the change to the 2nd choice without needing further approval from the HC. Jan seconded and the vote was unanimous.

### **WEBSITE REPORT:**

1. 1635 website: Rebecca believes she has updated and fixed the site with assistance from her husband. Jan gave her a list of books to add: History of Byfield; Images of America Newbury (The Museum of Old Newbury).
2. A question was raised about adding the pictures taken inside the Atkinson House (5 Hanover St.) to the 1635 website. Eva volunteered to contact the owners.
3. Nancy took photos of the outside of the Barton (Plummer) estate and 7 Marsh Ave. Lon has interior picture from the Barton house and buildings. These should be kept electronically and put on the 1635 website.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES**

1. The barn on Marsh Meadow lane was discussed due to the lack of a Cupola on the top. Channing spoke with the Building Inspector and there was no final approval on the site at this time. 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.

2. We need new photos of the inside of the School house. The old ones are out of stock! Lon will check on who was the original printer. Rebecca will have her mother go to the School House to take photos. Nancy suggested we change clothing on the “Children” before the photo.
3. All members now have copies of *The Building History of Northern New England*. Each copy has a sticker inside noted these are owned by the Newbury Historical Commission and should be returned when members are no longer part of the Commission.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 23 Central St. – proposed gas station. Channing gave a brief history of Moody’s property, where the house is now located. He went to the manager’s meeting/discussion. The current house has no actual history and not sure if it was an old mill house that was moved to this property. We have no comment on the project.

### **DISCUSSION**

1. We discussed Chapter 61, as it has come up on Marsh Meadow Lane property. Channing felt we should be aware of the definitions and how the law is used. 6 Marsh Meadow is being removed from 61a. We have no comment on the project. The Town Assessor’s office should have a list of all properties in Chapter 61.
2. Comments were made regarding the Kenney house (280 High Rd.) at the left of the Lower Green. They are working on changes to the barn behind the house.
3. The Registry of Deeds e-mail discussed a new project they are working on about historic lands and stories associated with them and/or previous or famous people. They are looking for information from each community. We should be contributing.
4. Nancy discussed the endeavors of the First Parish Church in trying to become a national historic place, so they are eligible for grants, etc. to do restoration to the Church. It is a huge undertaking.
5. Channing suggested we look into Establishing Local Historic districts, e.g. Upper and Lower Greens. Research is needed on how to’s, rules and regulations, etc. Please review information on MHC website to familiarize yourselves with the differences between LHD and NHRD. Discussion will return to this in future meetings.

### **DDB DISCUSSION**

1. 254 Middle Rd. demolition. A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Rebecca to approve the demo was carried with unanimous vote. Jan will approve in PermitLink.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be on Thursday, **April 09, 2020**.

This meeting was adjourned at **8:50 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest 03/11/2021

Jan Forrest

Date of approval