

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at 7:15 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the **March 11, 2021** meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to table due lack of quorum present from the previous meeting. One (1) correction was needed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence: Renewal of commission members appointments

TREASURER'S REPORT: Prepared by Lon H. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and carried with unanimous vote. (See more under Unfinished Business Updates)

WEBSITE REPORT:

1. 1635 website: A question was raised about electronic storage. Rebecca will check with Matt (Town Hall) and see if we have access to cloud storage.
2. A question was raised about getting Ransomware.
3. Lon suggested everyone download the NHC info and any historical documents/pictures onto a CD or a USB device. We should then give Rebecca a copy to upload into the cloud, once it is setup for our storage.
4. Eva will check with the previous owners of the Atkinson House are ok with the HC putting them on the 1635 website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Flagpole is being painted and a new solar light has been added, as well as new nylon ropes. Jan will send a thank you to the DPW for fast and efficient work.
2. Lon updated members on purchases he is making from the budget before the end of Fiscal 2021.
Printing: Schoolhouse brochure will be updated (time permitting); postcards will be made of the new photo inside the Schoolhouse, some should be done in sepia tones (thank you to Rebecca's mom for taking them); the sign at the Falls will be replaced; settler's map and names of 1st settlers will be printed also. Lon was looking for shades for the west side windows. A motion was made to accept all expenses as discussed by Eva and 2nd by Rebecca, all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lon raised an issue of getting better security on the Schoolhouse; maybe motion detectors. A question was asked whom to contact: Police Department and/or Town Administrator. A motion was made to look into this by Rebecca and seconded by Eva, with all in agreement.
2. We need to request the DPW clear the area around the Milestone on the corner of Green and Hanover Streets. It seems to be sinking a bit also. We would like it to be more visible.

DISCUSSION

1. School house opening: A suggestion was made not to open on Sunday, July 4th. All agreed this was a good idea. There is a calendar in the alarm room for HC members to mark days they will be acting as docents.
2. Nancy will ask Fred to cut down the lilac by the Schoolhouse door and Lon will remove debris.
3. 7 Marsh Ave. Nancy brought the photos she has taken of the house and gave them to Jan to scan. We had a short discussion on the house.
4. Nancy raised a question of putting some type of protection from handling the map we had restored. Discussion ensued.
5. The old Schoolhouse sign that Lon “found” in the attic will be restored by Lon. We discussed placing it on the High Rd side of the Schoolhouse when finished
6. Lon will also paint the doors and try to better fill cracks in them.
7. Flags placed around the Upper Green were done by the Byfield Flag Co.; Tony Matthews got them put up. Jan suggested we hand out Bronze coins as a Thank you. No decision was reached.
8. Members up for reappointment: Lon, Rebecca, and Nancy. Nancy has requested to be an Associate member. We want this designation, so she will be still on the NHC, and therefore be covered as a “Special Employee” by the Town of Newbury. A motion was made by Eva, 2nd by Lon to have Nancy be an Associate. This designation is allowed under MHC and has been previously recognized by the NHC.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. One Main St – We need to have photos, assessors records, and the DDB form filled out before we can have a discussion on this property and the request to demo.

ADJOURNMENT

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

This meeting was adjourned at **8:20 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest

07/08/2021

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Date of approval