

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Channing Howard, Jan Forrest, Lon Hachmeister, Eva Jackman, Rebecca Fuller, and Rich Morin

Members absent: None

Guest: Rochelle Joseph, Support The Pink House

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the **March 11 and June 10 2021** meetings were reviewed. One (1) correction in March minutes is needed. Motions were made to accept both meeting minutes with correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Prepared by Lon H. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and carried with unanimous vote.

WEBSITE REPORT:

1. 1635 website: Rebecca made some of the changes Jan has requested. She will continue to update things as they are needed.
2. Eva sent an e-mail to request permission of the previous owners to put the photos taken of 5 Hanover St. (Atkinson House) on the 1635 website. She will let us know when she receives a reply.
3. A question was raised about electronic storage. Rebecca checked with Matt (Town Hall) to see if we have access to cloud storage. He would need to know the size we might require. 1 Terabyte was suggested. Each member will be required to download their NHC info and any historical documents/pictures onto a CD or a USB device. We will then give Rebecca a copy to upload into the cloud (or have IT load), once it is setup for our storage.
4. Channing suggested that photos of folks in 1600's dress be found, so we can label them with each member's name for the 1635 website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence: Gerry DeMuro sent an e-mail inquiring about the old Cider Mill. Eva contacted the owners. They are not interested in dealing with him. I sent an e-mail back to relay the answer.
2. Nancy Thurlow sent an e-mail mentioning Fred Thurlow is researching some information that he would like to share at a future meeting. He will let us know when he has collected all the data he can.
3. E-mail from Eleanor Baker, from Nicols Village. She would like to bring a group of their residents to the schoolhouse. She also stopped in at the beginning of the meeting. Lon will get in touch to set up a date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Channing had a discussion with Selectperson Greco over concerns with the Building Inspector's office and lack of an Admin. Problems ensued with 78 Elm, which have now been taken care of with a letter sent from Peter Binnette to homeowners. Channing raised the question of how we can get a stop work order if things occur on a day Town Hall is not open.
2. 5 Hanover St. – new owners. Preservation restrictions. Eva spoke on the prior owner giving permission to make changes even if these changes are against the PR. There is now a fence blocking the view of the house. Windows and doors have been changed, no permits.

DISCUSSION

1. *Support the Pink House*, Rochelle Joseph updated the NHC on their quest for a Declaration of Historic Significance at the State level and their goal of having a Preservation Restriction placed on the property's deed, held by the Town of Newbury (NHC). (More information is on the Video of the meeting.). A letter will of support will be sent to *Support the Pink House* for inclusion in their information to MHC indicating the NHC's for the work they are doing. Motion was made by Rebecca, seconded by Lon, all approved.

HC is not ready to be involved specific information. We need to see detail, based on the Dept. of the Interior's guidelines from Support the Pink House, in order to have an official decision on Historical Significance or Architectural Significance.

2. A brief discussion was held on preservation restrictions.
3. The need to get the Lower Green on the Historic registry and to create a one building historic district. Lon brought up the interest of several neighbors of the Lower Green's interest in getting a historic district created for the area. These folks are willing to get information handed out, etc. to the other homeowners about getting this started.
4. We need to look at the consequences of the Town Hall building being torn down and its effect on the NHRD. Channing asked for help to get info on the original building, etc. and rules and regulations on changes within the district.
5. PR on 5 Hanover. According to Eva, the PR states the previous owner can approve changes? Windows and doors were put in with no permits. We need to review the PR and CR in detail to see who holds the restrictions. Everyone was asked to review before the next meeting.
6. Coleman Rd. discussion. Eva stated that this was the first road ever commission and is part of the Old Bay Rd. It starts at the old mill (Jewel mill). Eva gave Jan an article to scan and copy to the NHC members.

DDB DISCUSSION

1. One Main St – We received photos, assessor's records, and the DDB form is filled out and signed. Jan will approve on PermitLink. NHC does not find the structure of historical significance to the Town. We do request antique and/or architectural elements be saved for their historic importance. This comment will be added to our approval on PermitLink.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **August 12, 2021**.

This meeting was adjourned at **9:07 p.m.**

Janice Forrest 08/19/2021

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Date of approval