

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:09** p.m.

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

**Members absent:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and approved by all.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report was prepared by Lon H.

Rebecca produced an invoice to upgrade the existing system for the 1635 website. She will work with Town Accountant, Eileen to received payment.

### WEBSITE REPORT:

1. Rebecca continues to work on the website. New upgrade to software was acquired.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Eva Jackman re: Plummer spinning wheel (copy of email sent to Library); Inquiry on family history (referred to Sons & Daughters); Alex Burke asking for copies of our visitors map (Lon got copies to him); Sails & Trails has received our listing; Bill Putnam questions re: grave location (Jan sent Town Clerk email in response); e-mail to and from Town Administrator requesting the road behind the Schoolhouse be repaired;

### NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Road behind the Schoolhouse was repaired.
2. Plummer Spinning wheel is currently stored in Lon's house. Eva contacted the NPL to see if they can find space to display it. The NPL is currently undergoing repairs inside and will update when completed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Sails and Trails: Eva's information was received. Sails and Trails is 09/16-09/25. Eva gave them her email and she will keep the NHC updated. We need to see if we have old signage upstairs in Schoolhouse or if we need to get new ones. Schoolhouse coverage will be needed 11-3 on the weekends within these dates.
2. Robin Etheridge sent a revised sign-up sheet to send out to neighbors LHD on Lower Green and for others interested to sign in support. A form was brought to the meeting for signature of support and Lon will get it to Robin.
3. A salaried, part-time assistant (8 hrs./wk.) for the HC was passed at Town Meeting and included on the 2023 Fiscal budget. No updates
4. Eva obtained group of "remodeling" booklets. These will be kept at the Schoolhouse.

5. A coloring book that was used for the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be copied by Lon (50-100). Cost will be at his discretion. Lon will get these to the printers and another member will need to pick them up.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jan attended a Zoom meeting my MHC on Historic Preservation. Handouts were given to all members from this meeting. Please note the difference from old forms and new forms. We need to find the correct addresses for houses we have on MACRIS with none shown on the forms. Jan reminded everyone about the Excel spreadsheet of all houses listed on MACRIS and that the forms are listed on the MHC MACRIS website.
2. There are new holes on the backside of the Schoolhouse. Jan took photos. It was agreed that the TA be notified and ask for the DPW to repair.
3. Jan mentioned getting a PR on the Schoolhouse and the Lower Green. This would be very important should the Town decide to remove the Schoolhouse, etc. in the future. It is independent of the work being done to get a LHD Committee up and running.
4. Rebecca mentioned the Oliver Goodrich House in Byfield is up for sale.

### **DISCUSSION**

1. Town Day was discussed. We decided that would have the Schoolhouse open from 11-3. Lon assured the group there are plenty of handouts supplies and the Coloring books (see above) will also be available. Channing asked that Rebecca take photos, so they can eventually be put on the 1635 website. She noted that she was looking to dress in period clothing for the day.
2. LHD Lon volunteered to be a liaison with the group that is working on getting a LHDC going.
3. Jan and Lon fixed the plot in front of the Mary and John monument. Lon brought over soil mix and found stone for a boundary wall (to prevent mowing down of the flowers Jan brought and planted!). The hole by the Schoolhouse steps was filled in and Jan brought flowers to put near them for Town Day. Please bring water down with you when you “work” the Schoolhouse, so the flowers don’t die! A coloring book that was used for the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be copied by Lon (50-100). Cost will be at his discretion.

### **DDB DISCUSSION**

1. None
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **July 07, 2022**.

This meeting was adjourned at **7:53 p.m.**

*Janice M Forrest*

*08/11/2022*

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Date of approval