

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2014**

Betsy P. called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Board members present included Betsy Whitney, Sandy Paquette, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker.

Guests: Peter Diamond, John Gage (Eagle Scout proposal)

The minutes from the last meeting on Nov. 2013 were read; a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

89 Seekonk Street: An application to demolish the existing structures located at 89 Seekonk St. has been received; Tony LaRusso submitted pictures of two old cottage type structures on the land along with plans for a new one family 3 bedroom home. A discussion determined that the buildings were not historically significant. A motion was made to allow the demolition without exercising a delay; the motion was seconded and approved. Betsy P. will notify Mr. LaRusso.

96 Grove Street: The demolition delay request for 96 Grove Street was reviewed. Betsy P. looked at the photos of the house on the Assessor's Field Cards and the application for demolition submitted to the building department. She determined, with the approval of other board members, that the building did not require a formal review by the NHC as structure has virtually no architectural style and has been altered extensively. She informed Bob Bullock that a delay was not necessary.

Norfolk Stories: The manuscript including all text and pictures has been sent to Tri County for formatting. The cost of 200 soft bound copies is estimated at \$1600.00. A second estimate from Richard Denzer of Puritan Capital totaled \$1400 - \$2200.00 for 250 copies.

Panel Layouts: Barbara's proposal for three historic panels of City Mills and Highland Lake were unanimously approved at the Town Meeting. Betsy W. has proposed a panel for Pondville and is working with Katy Woodhams at NCTV to put the photos and text on a flash drive. She will bring all of the plans to Fran Williams at Tri-County for the printing estimate. Betsy will work with Barbara to finalize the project and will get in touch with board members if she needs help editing.

Highland Lake Access Road: The access road for Highland Lake is now officially known as *Fales Park Road*.

Postcard History Presentation: Mr. Tedesco, one of the authors of the Postcard History of Norfolk County, will discuss his work at the Norfolk Public Library on Feb. 24, 2014 at 7 pm. The presentation is sponsored by the NPL.

Ware Circle: Barbara B. has proposed that the roundabout by gas station at the intersection of Rockwood Road and Main Street be named *Ware Circle*.

New Historic District: The application of *Rockwood Road's Historic District* has been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Betsy P. has an application to the CPC for \$11,000 to hire Kathy Broomer to survey the 17 properties involved.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Local teenager, John Gage, has proposed an Eagle Scout Project to make a documentary of historical sites in Norfolk. He would take pictures of historical sites around town and work with NCTV, the local cable station, to produce the documentary. Barbara B. will consult with him to suggest possible historic sites; he can be contacted at 508-541-8399. We suggested he use the inventory of historic places that is in the library. We suggested he also research his family home, located at 15 Lake Street, which was built in the 1870s.

List of Project Proposals: Barbara has submitted a list of possible Eagle Scout projects to David Lutes, Boy Scout Master. The list is attached.

Pondville Cemetery: The application to include Pondville Cemetery in the National Register of Historic Places has been approved by MHC and has been submitted to the Department of Interior for final approval.

Ornament Donation: Barbara B. has donated a framed display of pewter ornaments created by Norfolk resident, Sandra Myatt, depicting historic sites of Norfolk; the ornaments were created annually from 1996 to 2001. They were sold at the Norfolk Pharmacy and the Village Flower Shop with a portion of the proceeds going to the Norfolk Food Pantry.

Pharmacy Renovation: Brie Hall (Norman Brierly Hall) called Betsey regarding a building project; he wants to combine the vacant premises of the pharmacy and the village flower shop, located in the center of town, and renovate them into a restaurant. The Planning Board and the Board of Health need a statement from NHC regarding the history of the building to include site use, in particular, regarding the existence of a restaurant or a coffee shop on the premises. Some long time residents recall that prior to the Norfolk Pharmacy, the premises housed the Norfolk Drug Store which included a food counter that sold sandwiches and ice cream. NHC board member, Gail Sullivan, remembers a soda fountain at the drug store from her childhood. Mr. Hall would like us to write a letter on his behalf confirming that there was a food counter located in the drug store.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Geraldine A. Tasker
NHC Recording Secretary