

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

Betsy Pyne called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Board members present included Barbara Bartholomew, Marsha Johnston, Gail Sullivan, Betsy Whitney, Sandra Paquette, Geri Tasker and associate member Thelma Ravinski

Guest: Eagle Scout John Gage

Treasurer's Report: Marcia reported that the General Fund totals \$54.13 and the Gift Fund totals \$5853.92.

Minutes: Geri read the minutes from the February meeting.
A motion was made to approve the minutes as read.
The motion was seconded and approved.

Eagle Scout Project: John Gage brought a rough draft of his proposed project: NCTV Historic House Tour. He is working with the local cable station to produce a documentary of Norfolk's historic places and consulting with Barbara and Betsy P. regarding his research.

Weber Duck Inn: Betsy Whitney met with Ross Pini to discuss his slide presentation on *The Weber Duck Inn* at the Norfolk Library on April 16th. Betsy is working with the NPL to plan the event, and she has created a flyer for distribution around town. Sandy contacted newspapers of surrounding towns to promote the event. NHC will provide refreshments and arrive early to set up.

Historic Sign of Pondville: Betsy W displayed the rough draft of the Pondville historic sign to be placed in the heart of Old Pondville. She will add a compass rose to indicate North, and a shaded legend to differentiate between the buildings still standing (black) and those that have been demolished (gray).

Roundabouts: Betsy and Barbara collaborated on letters to name the traffic circles in the center of town. The Rockwood Road/Route 115 and Main Street roundabout will be named *Ware Circle*. The roundabout at the intersection of North Street, Union Street, and Liberty Lane will be called *Avery Circle*.

Norfolk Stories: A manuscript of volume 2 was distributed for members to review. There is a good chance the book could be published in time to sell at the Weber Duck Inn presentation. Barbara has ordered 200 copies, and will look into the cost of printing additional copies at this time. Tri County has the digital formatting and will keep it on file as well as provide NHC with a copy should we want to order additional copies at a later date. The book will be a softbound edition with a dark blue cover and gold lettering. We discussed a price of \$15.00 each. Purchasing volumes 1 and 2 at the same time, the cost will be \$25.00.

Highland Lake Sign: Barbara displayed a rough draft of the Highland Lake sign. This has been sent to the printer and should arrive by end of April. She has arranged for the sign to be delivered to Department of Public Works.

City Mills Sign: Barbara is working on the rough draft of the historic sign for City Mills and has a copy of the original approval form for the original post office on the site, The Franklin City Post Office.

Lock: Thelma donated a partial lock that goes to the crypt in Pondville.

Norfolk Cane: This special cane, made of black wood with a silver handle, will be awarded to the oldest resident of Norfolk; it is a copy of the famous *Boston Post Cane*, which was made of ebony with a silver handle. The cane will be displayed in the Norfolk Senior Center with a plaque honoring the recipient.

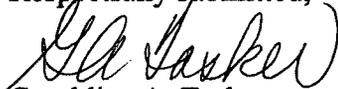
Tramp House: Scout Master, Davis Lutes said the boy scouts will take on the project of painting the Tramp House. Lowe's in Plainville donated the paint the last time the Tramp House was painted; however, when Betsey contacted them this time, they will only provide a \$50.00 gift certificate. She will contact Lowe's in Milford and Home Depot in Bellingham to see if they would be willing to fund the project.

Pharmacy Renovation: Betsy P wrote a letter to the planning board and other town boards stating that there was a lunch counter at Norfolk Drug Store prior to it becoming the Norfolk Pharmacy. This effort supports Brie Hall's attempt to turn the vacant storefronts in the center of town into a restaurant.

Sunshine Fund: Sandy P. has agreed to handle NHC's Sunshine Fund.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary