

**Norfolk Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Betsy Pyne. Members in attendance included: Marcia Johnston, Betsey Whitney, Gail Sullivan, and Geri Tasker. Guests included Heidi Lang Cronin, Peter Diamond, Donna Jones, and Laurence Magner.

**Minutes:** Geri read the minutes from the March meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read with one minor change. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is a balance of \$54.15 in the General Fund and \$6263.92 in the Gift Fund. Marcia's financial report includes a \$200 donation to Gift Fund by Betsey Whitney.

**Stories:** NHC has a copy of *Norfolk Stories, Vol. 2* from Tri County for final review; the book will be published as soon as we approve the copy. A motion was made to buy 300 copies; the motion was seconded and approved.

**Tramp House:** The Lions Club has taken on the project of painting the Tramp House. Betsy P. spent \$150.00 on paint which includes a \$75.00 discount from Lowes. She purchased 3 gallons of Arroyo Red and 1 gallon of Shaker Cream. Sam Zeigler donated 1 quart of Tudor Brown for the door.

**Panels:** The sign panel for Highland Lake has arrived at the Department of Public Works. The City Mills sign panel is still at the printers. Betsey W. is putting the final touches on the sign panel for Pondville. She spoke with Linda Thompson at Tri County about the process; the panel will be completed in the Fall and then sent out for framing. Betsey is meeting with Bob McGee about final placement. She wants to erect the completed panel on the triangle along Valley and Old Pond, an area of about 20' x 30'.

**Circles:** A letter was sent to the Selectmen requesting the roundabouts in the center of town to be designated as "Ware Circle" and "Avery Circle". They have accepted our proposal and the circles will be so named. Barbara is working on signs with the DPW.

**Colony Books:** Dan and Susan Winslow have donated the rest of his Grandfather's collection of "Colony" books of the newspapers from Norfolk Prison. A motion was made stating that the NHC would like to donate these books to the Norfolk Public Library and placed in the History Room (Old Schoolhouse). The motion was seconded and passed.

**Weber Duck Inn:** On Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Ross Pini will present a talk on the life and times of his grandfather, Leon Pini, who was the chef and manager of the *Weber Duck Inn*. Betsey W. found a sheet of music, *The Ducks on Parade*, and contacted Todor Stoinnoy, director of the Ivy Music Academy, who agreed to play and record the original score. Artifacts owned by the Pini Family will be on display, and the music will debut.

**Biography:** *The Life and Times of Bertha Fales* will soon be catalogued and placed in the History Room on a shelf in the Biography section.

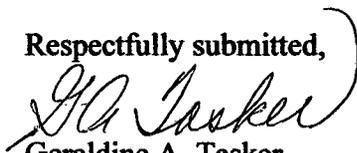
**Request:** Laurence Magner from the *Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts* (CSSM), an organization that loves succulent plants, would like to store their library cart in the Tramp House. Traditionally, they have held their monthly meetings in Central Massachusetts at the Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in Boylston. Use of the premises is changing focus to special events such as weddings and banquets. CSSM is planning to move into Elm Bank in Wellesley, but not until next year as they are renovating the premises. Starting in September the group will hold their monthly meetings of about 30 people at the Norfolk Library. They have a library of about 100 books that are stored in a locked wooden cabinet and would like to store the cabinet in the History Room of the Library, but there may be a conflict because the Library is a public building, and the books are a private collection. If this plan is not possible, they request permission to store the cart in the Tramp House from September 2014 to May 2015. Issues discussed include: no ramp for easy access, no heat, and limited security. CSSM would require a key and assume responsibility for moving the cabinet back and forth for the meetings and providing a ramp for easier access. A Motion was made to allow CSSM to use the Tramp House to store their book library. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NCTV:** Donna Jones, representing NCTV, asked if NHC would support a designation of historic significance of the Old Town Hall in order to apply for a CPC grant to renovate the building for use as the station for NCTV. The structure was built as a Fire House in 1926; there was some discussion, but no vote was taken at this time

**Print:** Geri returned the print of NHC reading in the History Room at the Norfolk Library, which was matted and framed by Bob Tasker.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker  
Recording Secretary