

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Barbara Bartholomew. Additional board members in attendance included: Marcia Johnston, Betsey Whitney, Gail Sullivan, and Geri Tasker.

Guest: Linda M. Janes

Minutes: Geri read the minutes from the May meeting; a motion was made to approve the minutes as read. The motion seconded and approved..

Marcia's financial report: The General Fund totals \$54.13.
The Gift Fund totals \$4366.92; \$2532.00 was withdrawn to pay Tri County for printing *Norfolk Stories – Vol. II*.

Tramp House: Tramp House was featured in the *Boston Globe* recently complete with a picture of Thelma adjusting the flag. The Tramp House is also scheduled to be featured on Chronicle.

Signs: The panels are completed and ready for printing at Tri-County; then they will be sent out to Panniere located in Gibson, PA where they will be fabricated with fiberglass to make ready for framing. We buy the frames from them as well, and the DPW will put them together and install the finished panels.

Norfolk Stories: The books cost \$8.44 each to print totaling \$2532.00. We have sold 131 books; 30 were given as gifts to family members and the ladies who transcribed all of the manuscripts. We have 101 copies left to sell @ \$15.00 for a profit of \$1515.

Highland Lake Dam: Water was drained out of Highland Lake to prevent flooding, but now it is a large mud hole. Betsey W. reported that the CPC talked about repairing the dam, but the issue was dropped, and nothing has been done to date. Several groups have a vested interest in the lake. One group wants to keep water in the lake, another wants to prevent flooding. The issue is that no one knows who is responsible for the lake. Paul Terrio brought the issue to CPC; they spent about \$3500 to hire a specialist to investigate the dam and make suggestions regarding repairs to the dam or building a new dam. No further action has been taken. The issue of Highland Lake Dam will be discussed at the next Selectman's Meeting on 6/23; Barbara will attend to give historical background on the property.

Highland Lake Park: The trails have been laid out for the park; the area was surveyed so the paths would go around the wetlands. All of the trails have been named after members of the Fales Family. Barbara displayed a detailed map of the park with the trails marked in red; the trails will be about 1 ½ miles long. It is our hope that Boy Scouts looking for an Eagle project will take on the work of creating the trails.

Demo Delay: The demolition application of May 30 for 242 Dedham Street was expedited after members deemed the property not historically significant. Betsy Pyne and Betsey Whitney toured the home on June. Although the home was built in 1850, the historical integrity of the

structure had not been preserved. They met with the Fire Chief, other members of the Fire Department and a representative from EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). The fire department conducted a controlled burn on June 10th. Barbara B. wants to be recognized as a dissenting vote to the controlled burn.

Members discussed the demolition delay process, and decided to take up further discussion at a future meeting when Betsy Pyne is present.

New Building: The new medical building on Route 115 in Pondville will be called **Pondville Medical**; the facility will house eight doctors, four in general practice and four specialists; there will also be labs and x-ray facilities. The opening is scheduled for September 1, 2014.

Demo Delay: Linda Janes attended the meeting to inquire about the demolition delay procedures. She lives at 28 Tucker Road; she also owns the adjacent property with a small home at 30 Tucker Road. She would like to sell the larger home at # 28 and either remodel or build a new structure at #30. The smaller home was built in 1920 and totally remodeled in 1985 or 1986. Linda showed photos of the home, and mentioned that nothing remains of the original structure except the fieldstone foundation. She presented a completed demolition delay review form. NHC discussed the property, studied the photos, and determined that the home is not historically significant as the architectural integrity has not been preserved. Betsy Whitney made a motion to waive the demolition delay on #30 Tucker Road so that the building can be demolished. The motion was seconded by Marcia Johnston and unanimously approved by the board members. Geri Tasker will check with Betsy Pyne regarding the next steps in the process.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 pm; the motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Geraldine A Tasker