

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes - Sept. 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Betsy Pyne. Other members in attendance included: Sandra Paquette, Marcia Johnston, Thelma Ravinski, Gail Sullivan, Betsey Whitney, Sandy Paquette and Geri Tasker.

Guests included Donna Jones and Greg Stahl.

Minutes: Geri read the minutes from June meeting with an addendum relating to the Demolition Delay application referenced in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes and addendum; the motion was seconded and the minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Gift Fund \$4526.92 Regular Fund \$250.00

Highland Lake Dam - Barbara gave a complete history of Highland Lake at the June 23 selectman's meeting to provide them with the background information of Fales Memorial Park Reserve. There is a question as to who owns the dam on the property as well as the control of water flow. Some of the neighbors had a standing agreement about the water flow, but there is a dissenting neighbor. This has caused friction about who controls the water flow. At the meeting, Selectman Jim Lehan volunteered to talk to Kevin Roche of the DPW about the town taking control. At this point in time, the town has taken control of the dam, and DPW is now in charge of the dam's management. Betsey W. reported that the CPC had previously approved funds to make improvements and has already paid for an analyst to come in and determine what needs to be done. The expert indicated that the dam can be repaired.

Maps - Greg Stahl from the Wrentham Historical Commission reported that they now have the capability of printing maps of any size. They had a really old perfect map from 1853, which has been restored. They also have an 1851 map of the school districts; both maps were done by Henry F. Walling. The maps are for sale to the public, but if NHC or any town department would like to purchase copies of each map, they are priced as follows: '18" x 24" Maps are \$20 each. A larger version of the school map would be \$50. The prices for town departments are lower than those offered to the general public. Greg is planning to order the maps within the next two weeks, and we should let him know by Friday 9/26 if we choose to make a purchase.

Pondville Medical Center Building - The new medical center is scheduled to open in late October or early November. Owners will be looking for old pictures of the area to display on the walls; Betsey W. will follow up to assist this effort.

Walking Tour Pamphlet: Harvey Boulet started to put together a pamphlet of a walking tour of historical Norfolk, but this effort was never completed. CPC has already approved \$3000.00 to complete this project, and the funds are currently still available. There has been discussion as to whether there actually should there be paper pamphlets or

if it would be more practical to have the information available electronically on line. Donna Jones volunteered to explore this possibility and will report back to NHC at our next meeting.

Tramp House: The Tramp House is scheduled to be painted the week of Oct. 6th; all of the boards on the front of the building will be replaced. The Lions Club is in charge and working with Sam Zeigler to complete the project.

Norfolk Stories: The Town Clerk is selling both volumes I and II of *Norfolk Stories*. The Norfolk Library was interested in selling the books because there have been requests for them. After a short discussion it was decided that NHC will sell the books at the polls on voting day 11/4 and at the next town meeting on 11/18.

History Panels: The signs of City Mills and Highland Lake have been installed. The Pondville sign is ready to be digitized at Tri County. And then will be sent to PA for framing.

Project Proposal: John Gage, a local boy scout looking for an Eagle Scout Project, would like to make a video of historical sites in Norfolk.

National Register: Pondville Cemetery was accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places on April 15, 2014. Installing a sign will be discussed at a future meeting.

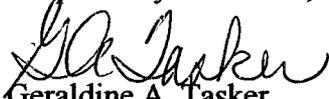
Thank you notes: Judy Connors and Jack Hallett sent a thank you note for their copy of *Norfolk Stories II*, which includes an interview of Judy's father, Paul Connors. Fire Chief Colman Bushnell sent a letter thanking NHC for allowing them to conduct a fire training exercise at 242 Dedham St. on June 11.

Future Meetings: The October meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21. The November meeting scheduled for the 18th needs to be rescheduled because it conflicts with the Town Meeting. At this point the November meeting is currently TBD.

Wrentham Display: Greg reported that the Wrentham Historical Commission will hold open houses at the Olde Fiske Museum and Gallery during October; Greg is on duty on October 5th from 1 – 4 and has invited NHC members to attend.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Geraldine A. Tasker
Secretary