

Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Betsey Whitney, Marcia Johnston, Thelma Ravinski, Marilyn Bourque and Geri Tasker.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund totals \$250.00.
The Gift Fund totals \$4586.92.

The Minutes from the September 23, 2014 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read; it was seconded and passed.

Historical Panels: Barbara Bartholomew wanted the *Highland Lake* sign installed in a different location than it was designed for due to a land ownership issue, but the location did not work because of the marked map locations. Betsy Pyne met with Jack Hathaway, and it was determined that the sign will be installed on the land area where it was originally intended so the starting location will be accurate for visitors to follow. Jack Hathaway will contact Barbara to let her know.

The *City Mills* sign has been installed and looks terrific.

The *Pondville* panel is in hands of Tri-County; they were very happy with the life size model. Betsey Whitney will do the final editing, and she spoke with Amanda at Panier where the finishing work will be done. She has the quote and will need to send half of the total cost as a deposit. Funds have been set aside by CPC, and Betsey will present the application form to procure the funds and mail deposit check. It is important to note that these panels are not part of the CPC project, but we have digital copies as well as the library. We would like to see the panels included on the website.

Self Guided Tours: Betsy Pyne was in touch with Donna Jones regarding the original plan to create a printed brochure as a guide to historic places in town. She recommends a digital brochure which would be available on the Town Web Site. She would also like to see the historic panels on the web site with a link for people to access. Geri suggested creating an app that could be downloaded to use as a visitor's guide. A discussion followed regarding the CPC funds already set aside for the original project. Since the project has evolved, and Harvey Boulet, the originator of the idea has moved on, perhaps the money could be used to add these photos to the town web site.

Medical Building: The owners would like a picture of Old Pondville in every room on the first and second floors. Betsey Whitney has the digitized photos from the panel as well as her book, and she will follow-up. The medical facility will open on Oct. 27th.

Tramp House: New clapboards were installed on the front, and the building has been painted, but the door needs to be painted brown. The colors are not exactly uniform due to the newness of the replacement boards. The clapboards on the north side of the building next to the Library need to be replaced due to age and wear. This will happen in the spring, and we'll ask to have the front repainted at that time so that the color is uniform all around. Work is also being done to install the sign securely along with a light

on a timer. Betsy Pyne will ask Don Henderson, chairman of Lyons Club, if he needs more money to complete the remaining work on the Tramp House.

Rockwood Road: Kathy Broomer has submitted her resume and a proposal totaling \$9,975.00 to complete the nomination application of the Rockwood Road Historic District, an area in the center of town encompassing seventeen historic properties constructed over a 200 year period. The application process is a very detailed and involved process. Ms. Broomer is the architectural historian who did our town survey a few years ago and has worked for many historical commissions in MA. She'll require half the amount at the beginning of the project. A motion was made to hire Kathleen Broomer to complete the nomination application for the Rockwood Road Historic District. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Book Sales: We need to start a campaign to sell *Norfolk Stories I & II* and *History on Hill*. The books cost \$15.00 each; possible sale sites include: Town Meeting on November 18th, the Library Vestibule whenever there is an event in the Community Room and on Norfolk Net. Betsy Pyne will contact the *Sun Chronicle* and *Globe West* to see if they will do a story about our book to generate sales. Betsy Pyne and Betsey Whitney volunteered to sell books at the Town Meeting.

Grange: The Grange doors have been painted white, but they should be green as per the Preservation Restriction on the building. When the Grange applied for and received a \$331,000 grant from CPC to make restorations on the site and in order to secure the funds for the project, the State Grange agreed to the terms of the preservation restriction set forth by NHC. Betsey Whitney will inform Grange membership, and will make a copy of the formal preservation restriction to provide them with guidelines as to painting, planting, etc.

Meetings: The November NHC meeting is cancelled due to Town Meeting and Thanksgiving. A meeting will be called if issues come up that require our attention. The date of the December gathering is TBD.

Maps from Greg Stahl: The maps from Wrentham have arrived, and they will be paid for when the invoice arrives.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary
NHC