

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Work Session Minutes – January 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Betsy Whitney, Marcia Johnston, Gail Sullivan, Barbara Bartholomew, and Geri Tasker.

Guests: Bob Tasker, Ben Dahn & Ivis Kalva (from group home on Spring Street)

Treasurer's Report: Gen Fund \$250.00
Gift Fund: \$5051.92

Minutes from the October 21, 2014 were read, but not approved as this was an unofficial meeting. Geri will make necessary corrections for the next meeting.

Guided Tour: Betsy Whitney is helping Donna Jones with the Town Hill Walking Tour Web Site; they are working from the draft of the pamphlet that Harvey Boulet originally put together. Donna Jones will go to the CPC meeting and propose using the existing reserved funds to bring this project to fruition. There was a discussion about the Eliphalet Ware House on Main Street across from the Police/Fire Station which dates back to c. 1790s; this home is in the survey, but there are details about the property that have been overlooked.

Panels and Park: The signs are up at the Highland Lake and City Mills locations, and they look great. The access road to Highland Lake has been named Fales Park Road. The official opening of Fales Memorial Park (Campbell and Seekonk Streets) has been scheduled for Sunday, April 26th at 2 p.m. There is a map of the trails in the park that will be posted for visitors to follow; the paths have been named, Fales Trails. Barbara will talk to Mr. Holmes to see about shuttling visitors from the center of town to the celebration as there is very limited parking at the park site.

Antique Stove: The Walpole Historical Society is purchasing the Andwill Display Restored Stove and will put it on display in their historical home site. This is significant as the stove was built in the part of Walpole that is now Norfolk.

Cemetery Sign: Pondville Cemetery has officially been accepted for inclusion on National Registry of Historic Places. Betsy Whitney will work up what the sign should say. Bob Leonard, who has done our previous signs, should do the signage.

Maps: We are waiting for the invoices of up to \$70.00 from Greg Stahl for the two maps he sold us of the Town of Wrentham in 1851 and 1854. Bob Tasker came to look at the maps for the purpose of framing; he took them and will work on matting and framing them.

Roundabout signs: The roundabout at the intersection between Daley's Service Station and the Federated Church has been named Ware Circle. The roundabout at the intersection by the Tramp House has been named Avery Circle. Blue signs with white lettering will be installed at each location.

Warelands: Donna Nye lives at the Warelands and is concerned about the future of the site and would like to buy the property. She could buy it with a non profit grant and live there as a caretaker; however, this is an involved process. Betsy suggested she form a Warelands Historical Society or Norfolk Historical Society with the purpose of raising funds to preserve the building and property.

Historic Stone Marker: The stone known as Robert Ware the Aged Stone is located on Boardman Street, but used to be on the Warelands property. Presently, the stone is located on the property of Tom & Tim Brackett at 132 Boardman St. NHC will plan an outing to visit the stone tentatively for Saturday, March 21 at 1:30 p. m.

Scholarship: Barbara and Betsy Pyne suggested idea of a scholarship sponsored by NNC as a way of putting the money in our Gift Fund to good use. The funds in this account are in our charge and can be used at our discretion. This account is totally separate from the funding appropriated annually by the Town. Members are encouraged to search clearing houses for unusual scholarships. Barbara has worked on scholarship funding previously and will draft a proposal for us to review.

Unmarked Graves: Barbara mentioned a proposal being made to the CPS to fund a project to discover unmarked graves; the project is entitled Ground Penetrating Radar Project for Norfolk and Pondville Cemeteries. Approximately \$2500 of Historic Preservation funds is needed to cover costs.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting scheduled for February 17th has already posted so it will be an official meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Geraldine A Tasker