

**Norfolk Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Thelma Ravinski, Barbara Bartholomew, Marcia Johnston, Betsey Whitney, Sandy Paquette, Gail Sullivan, and Geri Tasker. Donna Jones was also present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marcia reported a balance of \$250.00 in the General Fund and \$5201.92 in the Gift Fund.

**Minutes:** Geri read the Minutes from October 21, 2014. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read; the motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the January work session were also read. The February meeting was cancelled due to snow.

**Pondville Status Report:** Betsey Whitney has the life size proof of the Pondville Panel; after the editing is complete, she will forward the panel to Amanda at Pannier for framing. The finished panel will be stored at the DPW until installation. Unveiling of the panel will be celebrated with a Pondville Day in the Fall.

**Self Guided Tour:** Donna Jones reviewed the history of the walking tour pamphlet project. CPC approved funding as an open space project however, the pamphlet was never finished. Since the funds are still available, the pamphlet will be completed and copies left in Library. The front of the pamphlet will display photos of historic Norfolk, and the back will include a walking tour map. Items listed in pamphlet will eventually be accessible on the NHC website, which does need updating.

**Scholarship Award Discussion:** Thelma suggested that we wait until 2020 to make the award in conjunction with the town's 150th anniversary celebration. Upon further discussion, it was decided that we have enough money to fund a scholarship starting in 2016 as well as 2020 and perhaps double the award for the anniversary year. Discussion ensued about the qualifications for the award. It was determined that the recipient must have been a resident of Norfolk and have completed 6 years attending Norfolk Elementary Schools, King Philip Middle and High Schools. A motion was made and to establish a scholarship for one year beginning in 2016. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A second motion was made to approve the scholarship amount of \$500.00; this motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Historical District:** A report from Kathleen Broomer indicates that work on the Rockwood Road Historical District has been hampered by the severe winter weather and snow. She has been working on the historical narrative until the weather permits her to take the proper photos to complete the application.

**Robert Ware Stone:** The NHB walking tour to visit this historic site that was scheduled for March 21 will be postponed until May due to snow. Betsy P. is trying to contact Tom and Tina Barrett to schedule another date.

**Unmarked Graves Project:** Funding of the Ground Penetrating Radar Project for the Norfolk and Pondville Cemeteries has been approved by CPC. Bob Perry will do the work, Barbara Bartholomew is working with Highway Department and Tom Benedetti, who is in charge of the cemeteries.

**Fales Memorial Park Preserve:** The Opening ceremony will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Barbara B. presented an outline of the day's events and a list of invitees. The Fales Memorial Park Reserve Sign will be installed across from Information Panel. Betsy P. will work up an invitation.

**Walpole Stove:** The Andville Distplay Restored Stove will be delivered within two weeks to the Walpole Historical Society. Barbara B is working with local Cable TV to videotape the arrival of the stove as well as an interview with the restorer.

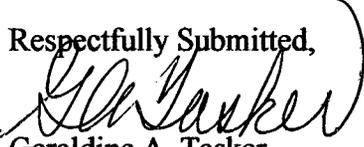
**Norfolk's Birthday:** In 2020 Norfolk will celebrate her 150th birthday; NHC discussed ways to raise money. Suggestions included:

- designing a sweat shirt with an NHC logo; members agreed to brainstorm logo ideas
- publishing an historical picture book, an updated and edited version of *Early Norfolk Revisited*.

**Wall Maps:** Geri presented a bill of \$45.00 to cover framing expenses incurred by Bob for the two maps of Wrentham that he matted and framed. Members were happy with the finished products and extend their appreciation to Bob for a job well done.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Geraldine A. Tasker  
Recording Secretary