

**Norfolk History Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7 pm. Those in attendance included Thelma Ravinski, Barbara Bartholomew, Marcia Johnston, Sandra Paquette, Gail Sullivan, Geri Tasker, Betsey Whitney, and Donna Jones.

The **April Minutes** were read; a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia noted that there is \$5381.92 in the Gift Fund and \$204.44 in the Regular Fund.

Grange Project: Marie Simpson and Betsey Whitney are working on a project to paint the exterior of the Grange. Marie was able to secure 20 gallons of primer and paint; ladders and lifts are being donated by Chris Wieder, who has done work for the Grange previously. Six to nine prisoners have been requested from the ~~MCI~~ ^{DOJ} Pondville Correctional facility to do the work, and three guards will also be in attendance. Two Grange members are making personal loans to renovate the kitchen for approximately \$30,000; the project has been approved by Bob Bullock. Kevin Roche has found stoves that are an appropriate size. The Grange Hall has been rented by a couple for a wedding next year.

Summer Coverage: We usually do not meet during the summer months; there will be no meetings in June, July, August. Betsey W was nominated as co-chair for the summer. There might be a demo delay coming in Pondville as a perk test was done on the property surrounding the old post office, located at 29 Valley Street.

Self Guided Tour: Donna Jones would like to add a page to our website for the walking tour. Betsy P will call John Spinney to help us create a new page and also edit the current page.

Stoneybrook Tour: On July 26 from 2 - 4 pm, Stoneybrook will hold a Historic Tour based on the panels around town. They have asked Doug Williams and Betsy Pyne to act as tour guides, but Betsy has a conflict. According to the program, tours will be self-directed and program guides will be distributed.

Robert Ware Stone: Betsy P hasn't been able to get in touch with the owners to reschedule our visit to the historic site. This visit will be put on hold until September.

Sweatshirts: Sandy has two estimates for tee shirts and sweatshirts:

1. Brock Foster Tee Shirts - bfoster@geiger.com
Website: bfoster.geiger.com 508-528-0594
2. RPI Associates – prices are higher

Betsy talked with Marian Harrington who indicated that a committee is being formed; Donna Jones is the only volunteer now. Betsy told her that the NHC would like to do the tee shirts and sweatshirts. The discussion has been tabled until September.

Fales Park Opening: This event was a great success with more than 35 people attending. The press release was never published; Barbara wrote and hand delivered the article. They were supposed to follow up with coverage of the event, but the press did not attend. Barbara is now working on allowing prisoners to create the trail paths.

Highland Lake RR Sign: NHC would like to replace the sign with composite board and restore to the original colors of black and gold. Betsy P will ask Bob Leonard in Maine to see if he could do it and get an estimate. Barbara B will get a price from Cavallo in Franklin. We could also ask Patrick Keenan who did the Keenan Sign.

Circle signs: A motion was made to take \$60.52 from the regular fund for the signs to be posted in the roundabouts in the center of town; the motion was seconded and approved. The remaining balance will be held for the Highland Lake replacement sign. Barbara B will talk to treasurer's office about holding the balance of our funds for these two projects.

Project proposal: There was a discussion to make postcards of historic sites in Norfolk for the anniversary celebration coming up.

Missing Pump: Thelma reported to the police that the old pump that was on the town hill is missing.

Video: Norfolk cable will air the program about Walpole's antique stove; the video can be viewed at www.norfolkcable.com.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30; the motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Tasker

Recording Secretary

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