

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting of September 29, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Betsy Pyne. Members present included Barbara Bartholmew, Marcia Johnston, Gail Sullivan, Betsey Whitney, Sandra Pacquette, and Geri Tasker.

Guests: Kathleen Broomer, David Simboc (staff) & Arvis

Minutes from the May 18th meeting and from the two special meetings on June 29th and July 21st were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia reported that the Gift Fund balance totals \$5396.92 and the Regular Fund balance is \$250.00.

Updates:

Demo Delay: Betsy P. reported that the Medfield HC does not wave a meeting or hearing to determine a delay. She made a motion that when we receive demolition delay applications, we hold a meeting to discuss and vote either yea/nay. We need 50% of the membership present to hold a meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Highland Lake Railroad Sign: Barbara B talked with Patrick Keenan; his father put up Highland Lake Sign and maintained it. The Keenan's will make a new replacement sign; Barbara B. bought the materials and delivered them to the family.

Agenda Items:

Rockwood Road Historical District: The detailed application is very comprehensive; Kathleen Broomer asked if we have 51% of the property owners who do not object to being included in an Historic District. There are no restrictions on the properties within an historical district. We need to contact the property owners to verify their acceptance. Kathleen will incorporate the notes, include photos, create a spreadsheet, and a Power Point presentation. She would like to have the entire application completed within the month. The state is pretty slow, and it could be a year or more before we have confirmation. The Massachusetts Historical Commission may want to come out to see the proposed district. Kathleen can be reached at kkbroomer@comcast.net

We are concerned that in the future, a developer may be interested in a 40B development that would include Frank Gross's property which is included in the proposed historical district. NHC is concerned that the house would be demolished in order to gain access to the land behind it.

Norfolk History Project: We discussed the procedure of creating the 150th anniversary edition of Norfolk History. We like the idea of a topical setup and initially should do a mock up. The estimated price per book is \$25.00. We could also initiate a campaign asking patrons to make a donation for which they'll receive a book with their name listed inside as a patron. We'd like photos to be both in color as well as black and white; as for size, we like the 8 ½ x 11 portrait view. We agreed to brainstorm possible titles for the next meeting.

Scholarship: We need to come up with a plan of action.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm; the motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary