

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2015**

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

Treasurer's Report: Marcia reported no changes in the totals from last month. The General Fund balance is \$250.00 and the Gift Fund balance is \$5396.92.

Minutes: Geri read the minutes from the October meeting; a motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded and approved.

Agenda Items:

Rockwood Road: Betsy P. met with the Planning Board and told them about the importance of the houses on the Historical District application and our concerns regarding Frank Gross's house. The Planning Board appreciated the information.

~~**Pondville:** The developer for the Pondville Post Office property is planning to demolish the building; he was informed by the Planning Board that he must apply for a demolition permit and that the NHC may impose a delay. We'll go through the building when the time comes to determine historic value. There is a digital copy of the Pondville Panel available.~~

Anniversary Book:

We looked at an artist's rendition of a composite picture of Norfolk by Tina Addison. The postcard illustration includes all major buildings together in a collage; members discussed scale and crowding of the buildings noting that not all depictions were correct. It is possible this could be used as cover pages at beginning and end of book.

Copies of Thelma's draft of the book's timeline were distributed; members need to read and edit the pages to see if there's anything missing.

Sandra showed us a rough draft of the book's cover; she'll rework the design to include the ribbon under the seal.

Barbara is collecting a list of ideas for pictures to be included in the book.

Town reports: We have copies from 1870 – 1970; one copy of each year is in the bookcase in the inner office. Extras are in boxes in the office; we'd like to put one set in the Tramp House and one set in the Library (if they want them).

Barbara gave Geri a board, wood glue, and template design to make a prototype of a storage bin for the reports; she will ask Bob to make a sample.

Fales Park Trails: Trails have been cut in Fales Park; all of the signs will be up in the spring. There is a logistical problem to getting wood chips down. The Town will truck them in and drop them off, but spreading them poses an issue. Department of Corrections Community work crews worked on the trails; perhaps they will be able to spread the wood chips. There are 4 or 5 places where logs are laid across the trails, and a

crew with chain saws is needed to cut them down. The wood for the benches is available, and the Department of Public Works should be able to make the benches in the spring.

Invitation: North Attleboro Historical Society is hosting a Talk on the History of the Jewelry Industry at the Attleboro Industrial Museum on Union Street at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday 11/19. NHC members are invited to attend.

New Computer: We took a vote on a new computer between a Mac vs PC, and we voted on a Dell PC.

Old Town Hall: There has been discussion regarding the future of the old Town Hall. One suggestion is to refurbish the building with CPC funds for use as a Recreation Center and also to move the NHC office back there. We are not in favor of this option; the only historic item in the building is the safe which dates from 1879. We'd have to determine if the building is historically significant. At the moment, it is not historically significant as it was originally built as a garage for the ~~Highway~~ ^{Fire} Department.

A motion was made to adjourn; this was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary