

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2016**

Betsy Pyne called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Those in attendance included: Marcia Johnston, Gail Sullivan, Sandra Paquette, and Geri Tasker.

Minutes: Geri read the Minutes from the February meeting; a motion was made to approve the minutes; this was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia reported that the Gift fund totals \$5396 and the General Fund totals \$250, but two vouchers have been submitted: Reimbursements need to be paid: \$28.40 to Barbara Bartholomew for supplies at WB Mason and \$42.58 to Geraldine Tasker for postage stamps at the post office and stationery supplies at Office Max associated with the scholarship initiative.

Anniversary Book: We need to set another date to work on the book, but this discussion was tabled until Barbara is available.

Scholarship: Geri report reported that 17 colleges/universities and 9 high schools were notified about the initiative and sent applications along with a flyer for posting. Press releases were sent to 6 newspapers and Norfolk.net for publication. A folder of applications is available in the Town Clerk's Office, flyers have been posted in the Town Hall, Library, and Post Office. Sandra took additional flyers to post in local businesses.

Signs for Circle: A motion was made to order signs for Ware and Avery Circles with bold black lettering on a cream/off white background in order to enhance the color of the town seal. The motion was seconded and passed. The Town will pay for the four signs which will be erected by the DPW as one double sided sign in the center or as two single signs on opposite sides of the circle.

Blake Family: Members of the Blake family are coming to visit Norfolk during the last week of April to visit Blake Family sites including StoneyBrook at Bristol Blake Preserve. John Fuller's house (yellow door), located across the street from StoneyBrook, was originally a Blake Family Home from ca 1750. This home is being donated to StoneyBrook, and John Fuller's wish is to have the house preserved. Betsy Pyne tried contacting John to have a discussion about the home and its preservation, but she has been unable to reach him.

Warelands: The Warelands house and 34 acres of land is on market for \$1.2 million. There is a Conservation Restriction on the land, which means that it cannot be developed, but there is no preservation restriction on the house. Renovations can be made to the existing structures, but if house is demolished, another one can't be built due to the land restriction. There was discussion regarding the possible purchase by the Town with CPC funds, how to preserve, use, and maintain the property. Suggestions included a caretaker who would live on site, or turning it into a bed and breakfast, contacting This Old House; funding any of these options is a large concern. We also considered the possibility of asking CPC to do an appraisal on the property to determine its actual worth and perhaps figure out a way to preserve the house.

Longobardi Farm: This property in the City Mills section of town is on the market for \$3.1 million; there are issues with this property that are similar to those associated with the Warelands. The Longobardi Property is more valuable because some of the land is buildable and there are no restrictions on the house or land. Town officials, CPC members and NHC members (Geri and Betsey W.) toured the property on Sunday, March 13. For more information see Geri's attached notes.

Demo Permits:

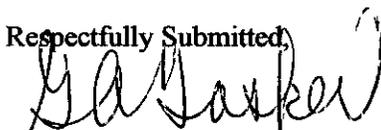
138 Fredrickson Rd - We examined photos of the home and property; the home is not listed on our survey, and was determined that there is no real historical value there. A motion was made to allow demolition without invoking a delay. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

127 Seekonk Street - This property has come up before; the previous owner applied twice for a demo delay; these were both approved, but the property was sold, and the new owner, Bill Archibald, has applied in his own name. We examined photos of the home and property; the home is not listed on our survey, and was determined that there is no real historical value there. A motion was made to allow demolition without invoking a delay. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Betsy P will post our April 19th meeting before she leaves for FLA.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10; this was second and passed to end the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker