

**Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7 pm. Board members present included Barbara Bartholomew, Marcia Johnston, Betsey Whitney, Sandra Paquette, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker. Also in attendance were Paul Comendul, and Ashley Whitney.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia reported that the General Fund totals \$179.02. A check was issued to Barbara Bartholomew in the amount of \$28.40 for cardboard containers to house a portion of our collection of Town Reports. A check was issued to Geri Tasker in the amount of \$42.58 for postage and stationery items associated with the Scholarship initiative. The Gift Fund totals \$5396.92.

March Minutes: It was decided to hold the reading of the minutes until the next meeting in order to move to the agenda items. There was an issue with the new computer; Geri was unable to log into the computer itself. She will follow-up with Mike Yang to solve the problem. Betsy mentioned that Carol Greene may also be able to help.

Anniversary Book: We welcomed Barbara back after her illness. Discussion regarding the book project was tabled to be resumed next month.

Round-About Signs: Betsy P. reported that the signs are on order; they will have a cream colored background with black lettering. She expects them to be delivered mid May.

Design Review Board: We welcomed Paul Comendul's return to NHC; he updated us on the status of the DRB; they have been inactive due to some management and member issues, but they are up and running once again. The board consists of 5 members; there are currently four on board: Paul Comendul, Arland Li, David LaPointe and Bob Nicodemus. Another member is scheduled to join the team. Their input will be important regarding the construction of the new Public Safety Building. A motion was made to reappoint Paul Comendul as the NHC representative to the DRB. There was a second and the motion passed unanimously. Paul's contact information: comendul@gmail.com

Granite Brick Stone Marker: Barbara brought in the black granite brick marker that will go on one of the entry pillars of the Dr. Nathaniel Miller House located on Myrtle Street. The current owners are pleased to include the historic marker on their property.

Blake Family Visit: Barbara talked about the meeting with David Miller-Blake to take place on Tuesday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 27. This event will begin at 10 am on 4/26 at the Norfolk Library. We will visit all of the Blake Family sites; Barbara gave a detailed account of

the tour itinerary. Members are invited to attend and asked to meet at 10 am in the Library Parking lot. Refreshments provided by NHC members will be served in the Library School House prior to the tour. On Wednesday, April 27th, we'll meet at 97 North Street to visit the interior of this historic home; parking is available across the street in the Stoneybrook parking lot. After touring the house, we'll meet with Doug Williams to see the timeline history he worked on with Barbara and view the Chilson film depicting the mill and its demise followed by a walk through the conservation area.

Blake/Bristol House: This property located at 97 North Street was donated to Stoney Brook Reservation; they have put the home on the market. Historic New England will hold a Preservation Restriction on the house and out buildings on the property. Betsy Pyne and Sam Zeigler will do a recorded tour for Stoney Brook this month. Donna Jones will do the videotaping.

Gift Book: David Miller-Blake gave Barbara a copy of ~~the book~~, *Diary of an Early American Boy* written and illustrated by his cousin, Eric Sloan. The book features diary entries of Noah Blake who lived in Ohio in 1805. The illustrations are amazing; the boy in the story may or may not be related to the Blakes of Norfolk. *

Boy Scouts: Betsy will present a history talk to the Boy Scouts on Sunday, April 24th at the Federated Church. David LaPointe has agreed to copy and mount on foam board the three remaining historic panels: Pondville, City Mills, and Highland Lake. All five signs can be used for this and future history talk.

May Meeting: Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 17th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm; this was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary

x he gave us a copy of his (Moses) branch of the Blake family & recommended that we buy the other book which based an original diary by Blakes who left Rehobeth & went to Marietta Ohio.