

Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2016

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

Treasurer's Rpt: Marcia Reported that the General Fund totals \$179.02 and the Gift Fund totals \$5392.

Minutes: Geri read the minutes from the past two meetings. The March Minutes accepted as read; the April minutes were accepted with amendments.

Signs:

Roundabouts: The round-about signs have arrived; although the background color is cream, it looks white. The DPW will install the signs; we'd like the signs back to back giving the appearance of one sign. The Main Street signs will work back to back but the Avery Circle (Union) signs may not work that way; we'd like them to be placed as close together as possible.

Eisner Land: Bob Leonard also made a third sign; the inscription was written by Ron Eisner in memory of his grandparents; this sign will be posted on the Eisner land that Ron donated to the town.

Next meeting: NHC decided to host an open house at the Tramp House and hold our June meeting there. We can also sell books, distribute walking tour pamphlets, and display the Norfolk blanket donated by Thelma as well as the posters made for history talks and walking tour. A motion was made and seconded to buy sweatshirts and fund them through Gift Fund. The motion carried unanimously. Sandra reported that the sweatshirt set up charge is \$25.00 and Brock Foster can do them. The Tramp House open house will start at 5:00. We'll bring munchies and cold drinks.

Scholarship: Unfortunately, there were no applicants for our first attempt to award a scholarship. A discussion revolved around revising the qualifications and level of the gift to try again. We can research on-line clearing houses for funding opportunities where the scholarship may appear. BigFuture.com is one such clearing house for college scholarships.

Book: Barbara reported that we are still in the planning stage; she did a section on founding families and is trying a different approach using note cards. Betsy P had a call from Mark Hurley, a descendent of the Turner Family; his great grandmother Abby Fales Day was related to the H Olive Day Family.

Longobardi Farm: The asking price has been reduced to 1.8 million; a developer has determined that there are 18 house lots for building. The CPC is considering a possible purchase; there are wetlands on the property.

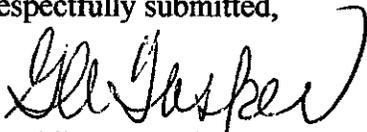
Blake Homes: David Blake contacted Barbara; he would like Blake markers on historic homes and he would underwrite the cost. She's working on this, as there are private property owners involved. She proposed a map of the area including Blake properties to be constructed and placed in Stoneybrook parking lot. The Map would show the center of the Blake Family Holdings.

Betsy P found deed research for Ethel Johnson's property, a Blake House, dating back to 1784; Barbara took the paperwork to research further back to see who owned the house first.

Fales Park: Barbara B gave us a DVDs of the Fales Park opening from 2015.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Tasker", written in dark ink.

Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary,