

Norfolk Historical Commission - February 21, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne. Members in attendance included Barbara Bartholomew, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker

Treasurer's Report:

Minutes:

Agenda Items:

Sweatshirts: Additional sweatshirts will be ordered with revisions to the previous templates. The red Tramp House sweatshirt changes – the front will remain the same; the back will state *Happy 150th Anniversary* instead of Happy Anniversary on the first run. The label, *Tramp House*, will be written under the building within the circle; the label was missing on the first run. The blue 150th Anniversary Sweatshirt changes - the front will remain the same; the label, *Tramp House*, should be written under the building within the circle.

Sweatshirts and the books, *Norfolk Revisited*, 2nd edition, will be sold on Thursday, 2/23 (Betsy Pyne and Gail Sullivan) & Saturday 2/25 (Betsey Whitney and Sandra Paquette) in the foyer at the Norfolk Library.

After the sale, Sandra will deposit funds and place another order for sweatshirts; she will also inquire as to the price of coffee mugs.

Bertha's History: The typed manuscript has been read and edited by Geri Tasker and Barbara Bartholomew; There's some question as to the placement of passages relating to the start of school buildings as it seems to come in the middle of a passage about the French and Indian War. Barbara gave Geri a flash drive containing scanned documents of Bertha's handwritten notebooks and the typed manuscript to help figure out if the passage about the schools is out of context. The goal is just to edit and correct grammar and punctuation leaving the original text intact for publication. We reviewed estimates from the publisher, Andrew Carini of Our Town Publishing in Medway:

25 books = \$19 per book (\$475.00)

50 books = \$14 per book (\$700.00)

100 books = \$ 9.25 per book (\$925.00)

We would like to sell the books for \$20.00 each; a tentative decision was made to print 25 books. A firm decision based on a motion will be made when the manuscript is ready to print.N

Norfolk Revisited Sales: Thelma has sold 11 books, and Carol Green has sold 2 books. Betsy Pyne will give the money collected from the sales to Sandra to deposit.

Scholarship: Last year's effort to award a scholarship to a college student majoring in History, who went through Norfolk schools did not reap any applicants. We discussed how to change the award to entice more applicants; it was decided to table the idea of a college scholarship. It was decided to sponsor an essay contest offering an award and monetary prize to a sixth grader. Applicants will write an essay about Norfolk History; this year's essay theme: *Important people in Norfolk's Early History*. Geri will work on criteria for the written 300-500 word essay including original ideas, written in the student's own words, sources, word processed, double spaced 1 inch margins, no larger than 14 font; works cited to include 3 sources (only one web site). Geri will contact the principal of Freeman-Kennedy School. Barbara will send her a list of Norfolk History books that we have donated to the school library. Geri will check with the librarians at the school and the Norfolk Public Library to make sure the books are readily available to the student applicants. This award will be presented at the sixth grade graduation.

The meeting came to an abrupt end when the fire alarm sounded at 7:55 pm, and we had to evacuate the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker
Recording Secretary