

Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 p. m. by Betsy Pyne. Board members Gail Sullivan, Betsey Whitney, Sandra Paquette and Geri Tasker were present. Guests included Samantha Benton, Donna Jones, and Dennis Schworer.

The Minutes from the October meeting were read by members and approved with 2 typos that will be corrected.

Financial Report: \$290.00 has been collected from the sale of books and sweatshirts. Sandra has the invoices from the purchase of mugs (\$346.95) and sweatshirts (\$838.05). She will submit the paper work to be reimbursed.

Demo Delay: An application has been submitted to demolish to the Bremlist Family Florist building and the greenhouses behind. It is unclear as to whether the house behind the florist will come down. A motion was made to indicate that we are not opposed to the demolition of the Bremlist Family Florist Shop, green houses, and other buildings located at 82 North Street. Everyone approved.

Grange Landscape Plan: Dennis's preliminary plan is off the utility site plan from the board of Health; 1 inch is 20 ft. The plan for the north side shows sugar maples and lilacs. The sugar maples are 50' apart with the lilacs in between. A Cornelia Cherry, a type of dogwood with yellow flowers, will be planted by the school sign with hydrangeas around the cherry tree. This carries the theme of the flowers in the front landscaping. There was a discussion of adding benches; the best area seems to be near the bulkhead on the south side of the building along with lilacs or viburnum. The south side is a challenging area with the bulkhead and gravel driveway. Fragrant sumac, a hearty good filler with nice colors, would soften the concrete, and it doesn't get tall. The finished landscaping in front looks beautiful. There was discussion of adding large rocks around circular drive as people have been driving over the grass. A budget is needed with the plan; then garden centers may be willing to donate plants or give a percentage off. Tom Benedetti said that Norfolk landscapers would be interested in supplying this project. Betsy proposed that we approve this preliminary plan as discussed. Everyone approved. The goal for the Dec. 19th meeting is to have a finalized plan and price quotes. The CPC application needs to be submitted early in the year, because for approval it needs to be approved at Town Meeting; Therefore CPC must have the application to be included in the Town Meeting Warrant.

Copy of plan attached
Samantha mentioned that the Grange is offering a Community Turkey Dinner on Thanksgiving for anyone who would like to go from 11 – 2.

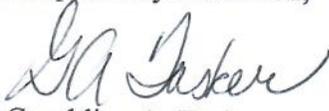
Design Review Board: Paul Comendul has resigned as the NHC representative; he is unable to continue due to other commitments. Betsy P. volunteered as the new DRB rep; Betsey W will attend the meetings to take notes when Betsy cannot attend.

MUGS & Sweatshirts: We are holding a sale of mugs, sweatshirts and books; we'll also be raffling off a holiday basket to include Norfolk memorabilia (mug, sweatshirt, books and gift certificates). This event will take place at the Norfolk Library on Sat. 12/9 at Library from 10 – 2. Sandra, Betsey W and Geri (noon) will be in charge of selling. The sweatshirts are \$35, Mugs are \$10 or 3 for \$25, and books are \$20.

75 Cleveland Street: Donna asked if there has been any movement on the property located at 75 Cleveland Street. The home cannot be turned into any kind of a municipal building, such as a museum unless it's handicapped accessible. The CPC will not recommend buying it; the house is for sale separately on its own lot. The rest of the land is also for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker

NHC Secretary

