

Norfolk Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7 p.m. Members in attendance included Marcia Johnston, Barbara Bartholomew, Sandra Paquette, Betsey Whitney, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker. Associate Member Thelma Ravinski and Michelle Maheu were also present.

Financial Report: Sandra reported that the Gift Fund totals \$5835.80; the Reg Fund totals 121.64 Sweat Shirt Fund totals 210.49.

Minutes: Betsy P read the minutes from the May meeting, and the minutes were approved as read.

Agenda Items:

Warelands: Betsy P., Betsey W., and Geri met with Jeff Ganyeau from Preservation MA on Monday, May 21 to walk the property and discuss the land and buildings. The new owners, Jeremiah and Willa Bandler, met with Sam Zeigler who will work with them on restoration. Betsy shared the letter she wrote to John Weddleton of the Conservation Commission regarding the Warelands, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has a conservation restriction on the land. She also sent a copy of the letter to CPC and Jeff at Preservation MA. A copy of the letter is attached.

Books:

Barbara has been working on **the anniversary book** and has layouts and plans for all of the years up to the 1930s. She has plans for the years after the 30s but will need help for those years as there are many materials to sort through.

Fales History: Geri, Barbara and Gail have finished the first round of editing; Marion has printed the edited file; Geri and Barbara will work on the notes section and appendix.

Grange: Members discussed how we are going to make the donation we approved last month to support the Grange Landscaping Project. Betsy P. will talk to Dennis Schworer about our donation, and then we can decide how to proceed.

DRB Appointment: Michelle Maheu was a six-year member of the Norfolk Planning Board. She has been an architect for 25 years, mostly in higher education at Wellesley College. She's taking a break from the Planning Board but wants to continue to give back to the community. She has also done historical assessments on buildings and is very interested in the Design Review Board. Betsey W. moved to appoint Michelle Maheu as our DRB representative. Sandra seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Betsy P. nominated Michelle as an associate member of NHC; Geri seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CPC Appointment: Betsy P. nominated Betsey W. to represent us on the Community Preservation Commission; Sandra seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Pondville Rail Trail: Betsey W. showed pictures of the rail trail as it appears now. The rail trail is owned by Mary Gould as well as a triangular piece of land commonly known as the Witch's Hat. Mary is allowing

Betsy W. to walk her rail trail property from Hill St. to Pine Street. Future plans would include extending the trail to Wrentham behind the Southwood Hospital property which may be bought by Robert Kraft.

NHC Reappointments: Betsy W., Barbara B. and Marcia J. will be reappointed by the Selectmen if they are willing to continue as NHC board members. All three are a yes, Betsy P. will email Marian Harrington to let her know that they all want to be reappointed.

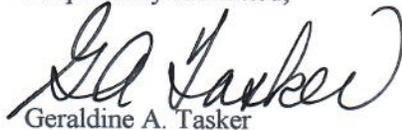
Bertha Fales Panel: The panel at the entrance of the Fales Memorial Park has been vandalized. Barbara, had it removed, and it is at the DPW to determine the extent of the damage. The frame can be reused, but the panel needs to be redone. Barbara is getting an estimate for a replacement panel. She talked to the police department and discussed the possibility of installing a security camera.

Boy Scouts: Barbara went to the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Nicholas Simmons who did the Cemetery Project which involved cleaning 60 gravestones at Norfolk Cemetery dating back to 1745. Nick was trained to clean gravestones by the Vine Street Cemetery Preservation Trust in Medfield; his project was sponsored by NHC.

Invitation: Members received an invitation from Doug Williams to attend the Stone Wall Presentation at Stony Brook on June 24.

Betsy P. made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker

NHC Secretary