

**Norfolk Historical Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – December 27, 2018**

*Barbara  
Piquette*

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 4:02 p.m. Members also in attendance included Barbara Bartholomew, Gail Sullivan, Geri Tasker, Betsey Whitney and Marcia Johnston. Associate members present included Thelma Ravinski and Donna Jones. Also present was Norfolk resident, Kathy Lang.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> were read and approved.

**Financial Report:** There is \$210 in the General Fund. We have not received the bills from Brock Foster for the order of sweatshirts and mugs.

**Agenda Items:**

**Sweatshirt Sale:** The sales on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Library totaled \$365.00.

**Tramp House Restoration:** Charlie Hewitt, Tom Antonellis and Sam Zeigler are preparing estimates. Betsy P said we can use CPC funds, and she will have more information about the project at our next meeting. There are no preservation restrictions on the Tramp House, but as caretakers of this historic building we need to be vigilant to maintain the historic integrity of the building.

**CPC:** Betsey Whitney would like to retire from the CPC in June. We need to appoint another representative from NHC.

**48 Everett Street:** Several members visited on November 16<sup>th</sup> with Sam Zeigler and the realtors. We went through the house; most of the inside has been gutted, but many important features remain intact such as the fireplace mantel, the double stairs and windows. Sam Z. explained how they restored the old fireplace, which is the heart and soul of the house. NHC holds a preservation restriction on the property and will continue to make notes on conditions there.

**Deeds Presentation:** William O'Donnell, Registrar of Deeds, contacted NHC to see if we'd like him to come and speak in Norfolk about the Registry's Community Outreach initiatives and programs. Donna mentioned that he's been to the cable station and discussed all those topics; they can be aired over our cable network. Betsy suggested that we hold off on inviting him at this time.

**Stuffed Fish:** Chip Faulkner wants to donate a stuffed fish, a bass caught by his father in 1972 at City Mills Pond; it is 21" long and weighs 7 ½ pounds. Barbara suggested contacting Dick Holmes about displaying it in his museum.

**Fire Screen:** Betsey W. reported that a distant relative of the Weber Duck Inn family has a large embroidered fireplace screen that she'd like to lend to NHC for display; however, she is located in Hawaii. Betsy P. suggests contacting Dick Holmes to display in his museum; Barbara suggested contacting the Wrentham Historical Commission as they have a museum where artifacts can be displayed, and Norfolk was originally part of Wrentham. NHC has questions: What are the dimensions? Can it be used in front of a fireplace? Where is it presently located? Betsey W. will contact the lady and tell her we have two possible homes. Betsy P. will talk to Dick Holmes and Greg Stahl as well.

**Photos for CU:** Sandra mentioned that Susan from the Credit Union would like historic photos to display in their new building.

**Library Display:** Donna talked about an upcoming display at the Library entitled *Glimpses of Norfolk*. The Norfolk Cultural Council is looking for community photos to display at the Norfolk Library.

**Bartholomew Report:**

Barbara spoke with Selectmen about adding two display cases at the end of the downstairs hallway in the Town Hall. Selectmen have approved the idea, and Barbara will pursue CPC funds to cover the cost of \$1500.00. She showed a photo of the cases; they attach to walls, have led lights and locks. NHC would need a subcommittee to maintain the displays.

She's working on the pictorial book and read a summary of the process of how Norfolk separated from Wrentham and became a town.

She displayed a folder of pictures of the panels she did for Walpole: Blake Family Cemetery and Blake/Blackburn Farm.

Barbara suggested that we create a calendar to raise money to pay for publishing *The Fales History*. She has all of the pictures and will check with Our Town for prices.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker

Secretary