

Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7:03 p.m. Board members in attendance included Barbara Bartholomew, Marcia Johnston, Betsey Whitney, Sandra Paquett, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker. Also present were Associate Members Michelle Maheu and Donna Jones. Guests included Kathy Lang.

Financial Report: Regular Fund totals..... \$210.00
 Gift Fund totals..... \$6530.80
 Sweatshirt Fund totals..... \$525.49

The **minutes** from the December meeting were read and accepted as read with the addition of Sandra Paquette in attendance.

Agenda Items:

Restoration of Tramp House: Sam Zeigler's estimate of \$14,098.36 (see attached) does not include paint, painting and a door on the electrical closet; he will send an updated estimate before Betsy applies for CPC funds. Another estimate from Tom Antonellis was substantially higher. Betsy P. will continue to work with Sam about details and will report back.

Appointment: Betsey W. nominated Kathy Lang as an Associate Member of NHC; she was voted in unanimously.

Restoring the Friezes: Dorothy Chafee, a Norfolk artist wants to be involved in restoring the friezes in the Tramp House; she will research how to clean them, but needs to know what they are made of. Betsy P suggests asking the Senior Center if they might have a space near a sink where they could be housed while she works on them. Someone would need to help her; Dorothy lives at 37 Hillcrest, and Kathy volunteered to help her. The friezes were give as a class gift in the early 20th century and hung over principal Clarence Washburn's desk Norfolk Center School.

Project: Barbara would like take the write ups of previous events and make booklets that could be distributed among the schoolhouse, the library for circulation, and in our archives. Barbara will make a list and Sandra said she'd work on the project.

Fish: Betsy P. spoke to Dick Holmes about displaying the fish, but there is no room in his museum. Betsy also spoke with Doug Williams at Stoneybrook, but he would like to see it before making a decision. Betsy P. spoke with the owner, Chip Faulkner, about giving it to Stoneybrook. He said that he will bring it to Stoneybrook and show it to Doug. If all else fails, we'll give it to the Fishing Club or hang it in the Tramp House.

Fire Screen: Betsey W. displayed a picture of the framed needlepoint fire screen. Nancy Kenny, who lives in Hawaii, wants to lend it to NHC for display; it was stitched by David Stanley Weeber's mother, Emma Ellis Morse, who was associated with the Weeber Duck Inn. Betsey sent her a list of our questions and concerns, but hasn't heard back. She will keep us posted.

Lions Club Donation: Geri made a motion to make a donation to the Lions club as per their request. Marcia seconded, and the motion was approved.

Warelands: Barbara showed an article about the Warelands when it was put on the National Register and photos of Robert Ware's rock with Marg Lang and Bill Land.

Pictures for CC: Barbara gave about 20 pictures to the Cultural Council for their display, and Sandra can choose from them to give copies to the Credit Union to display in their new building. Barbara explained the history behind each photo.

Design Review Board: Michelle mentioned that the DRB would like to work with the Town Planner to develop guidelines for the construction of future projects such as, height, exterior material and color, roof pitch/shape, parking behind buildings, etc. NHC would have input for areas in the center of town, near historical buildings and/or districts, and requirements would be different from commercial areas as on Route 1A. Betsy suggested that Michelle find minutes discussing the permits given when the Dunkin Donuts was built; NHC worked with the builder to provide guidelines regarding design, signage and landscaping so the building would fit in with the character of the town.

Projects for 2019:

- Update/Revise scholarship
- Barbara showed a mug from 125th Anniversary Celebration and suggested we create a special mug for 150th
- Geri requested that members make a list of their projects in 2018 with a brief description to help with the Town report.

Sandra made a motion to adjourn, Marcia J seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine A. Tasker