

Norfolk Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Pyne at 7:03 p.m. Board members in attendance included Barbara Bartholomew, Marcia Johnston, Sandra Paquette, Betsey Whitney, Gail Sullivan and Geri Tasker. Associate Members Kathy Lang, Donna Jones were also present as well as one guest, Jane Dewey.

Sandra's Financial Report: Regular Fund totals..... \$210.00
Gift Fund totals..... \$6011.41
Sweatshirt Fund totals..... \$365.00

Sweatshirt bill payment of \$846.86 was taken out of the Gift Fund; Sandra will update next month as funds are transferred back into the Gift Fund.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted.

Agenda Items:

BF History: Geri spend much time trying to put together a complete and accurate list of WWII Veterans for the Appendix and checked four sources (Town Hill Monument, list in the 1950s typewritten manuscript of Bertha's History, the lists on the web sites of NHC and the Veteran's Administration), but none of them match up. We decided to eliminate the WWI and WWII lists from the book because they were not part of Bertha's original manuscript. Bertha includes an honor list of WWI veterans, but that is all. Geri will add a note stating that Bertha's original list is not complete. She gave a copy of the latest manuscript to Gail for editing.

Associate Member: Geri nominated Jane Dewey to be an associate member; Sandra seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jane has volunteered to check out how CPC works and will attend meetings with Betsey W.

Friezes: Kathy Lang showed pictures of the friezes that were donated in 1908 by one of the classes; they were hung above the principal's desk in the Center School. There were originally 3 friezes, but one was damaged. Gus Pearson rescued them when the school was torn down and donated them to NHC; they have been in the Tramp House. The originals are from a cathedral in Florence and (*reproductions are still for sale*) they are for sale now. Kathy contacted Dottie Chafee who is very interested in cleaning them. She'll contact Tom Benedetti about who's in charge of DPW to see if they can help move them. She will also contact the Foxboro Art Association about how to restore the cracks.

CPC Report: Betsey W. reported on the Rail Trail Project; Peter Svalbe wants to purchase the 3 miles needed to complete the rail trail. CPC is interested in the project as open space, and they have an appraisal. CPC will only pay (*will pay no more than*) the appraisal amount. Betsey W. will come up with markers along the trail. Mary Gould's property that is for sale is called the witch's hat (*The Witch's Hat*) due to the shape of land.

Tramp House: Betsy P. did a presentation at CPC about the Tramp House proposal; her presentation included 2 estimates. Sam's estimate of \$22,000 was the lower of the two; he had recommended fiberglass doors, but CPC stated that they should be wooden doors; Betsy P. stated that the wooden

doors would be more expensive. CPC suggested NHC apply for the grant including the wooden doors, and this will appear on the Warrant at Town Meeting in May.

seed money to fund the project. The event will be held at KP Middle School, with a dinner catered by Roche Brothers. This will be an item on the TM warrant entitled *2020 Time Traveler's Birthday* and scheduled for May 16th 2020. Sandra mentioned creating Frisbees with the town seal, an idea suggested by Brock Foster just before he passed away. Donna displayed pewter Christmas ornaments with the Town Seal as another option to consider selling.

Rose Garden Celebration: There will be an event on June 8, 2019 (*June 15, 2019*) celebrating the Rose Garden on Town Hill. The Garden Club has asked that the Tramp House be open and are looking for NHC volunteers to be available. We are considering the option

+to display artifacts, sell books, mugs, etc.

150th Book: Barbara displayed on the computer all (*only the first decade*) of the photos she has put together for the anniversary book.

Sandra moved to adjourn: 9:25 p.m., seconded by Geri and passed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,



Geri Tasker

Please Note: *Items (in italics) refer to corrections made at the meeting.*

