

Present:

Bud Driver, Betty Hollingsworth, Henrietta Kocot, John Nove (chair), Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère.

Agenda

Clerk's Report: Review of December 2nd, 2013 meeting minutes

Keeper of the Books' Report:

CPA Projects budget update: (KS)

Old Business

Updates on the three CPA-funded projects (JT, HK, KS/BH)

Inventory Project donation form (KS)

New Business

Report from meeting of Western MA Historical Commissions (JN)

Unforeseen matters arising

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 by John.

Minutes: Minutes of June 2, 2013 reviewed and corrected; Ken moved to accept the minutes as amended and Bud seconded and voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keeper of the Books Report

We have spent only 1/4 of our budget new computer for Inventory Project was not purchased but a repurposed machine.

FCAT/DHC website

Jane reported on conversation with Doug Finn at FCAT. He and I will write up a job description in order to search for a part time person.

He will apply for funds he gets from the town.

Henrietta: Can we advertise for a 7th member who has web experience. She will ask Kayce to put it on the town web site, etc.

CPA cemetery fence

Jane reported on the status of the Cemetery fence project.

Kayce should write the Right of Entry letter to Al Charsky.

Town should enroll the surveyor not the DHC.

DPW will assume responsibility for removal of the damaged tree.

We will follow up with Dan Graves, Alan Swedlund and the CPC language/minutes to find the exact language of the approved grant and the language used in town warrant. Jane to follow up at Town Clerk office.

Jane to meet with Sonam for precise plan. To subsequently hand over to the DPW.

Other cemetery matters

Kai's schedule is: this week starting today for the gravestones. And 2 weeks for the Old Albany Road assessment. Gave his phone number to Doug at FCAT in case he can go film him at work.

CPA The Old Grammar School –

Greg Farmer sent a copy of his final report that was not too different from the original. End assessment for all repairs and upgrades was listed as \$1 million. John gave 6 copies of the report for distribution on June 27 for the Selectmen. Henrietta asked when is that next Selectmen meeting. We need to ask them to put this on their agenda. Greg said that we could get half the costs from the State based on how it is redeveloped. Planning grants are available.

Bud reminded us that Greg told us to push for a demolition delay for the town. We will invite Greg; John will follow up with Town Mgr.

Town Hall display cabinets

No new information

NEW BUSINESS

Inventory Project

What next? How do we get the law changed? John can circulate the DOR laws on Bricks and Mortar projects. Twenty-six other towns have non-B&M projects.

MA Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Coalition are lobbying organizations that side with us. They said that we and they should speak to Rep. Kulik and Senator Rosenberg.

The goal was to get a nomination for National Register of Historic Places. John asked Marilyn to mark a map showing the amount and location of our open files. We need 100 buildings completed to be considered.

Bud said to get in writing that there is no restriction for archeology digging. NRHP (National Register of Historic Properties) will come to town and review and explain all the issues.

Upcoming meeting - MA Historical Commission Coalition meets in Pittsfield next Wednesday.

Archaeology Update– Bud brought in letter from 2008 when the DHC voted for an Indian Affairs Commissioner (to be appointed). Bud brought in the Gazette weekend editorial.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15, 2014 at Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

Ken moved to adjourn the meeting; John seconded; voted unanimously.

John closed the meeting at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk