



Fairhaven Historical Commission

May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman David Despres, Debra Charpentier, Anne Kakley, Cynthia McNaughten, Wayne Oliveira, and Gail Isaksen.

Chairman Despres called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Academy Building classroom.

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the April 3, 2013 meeting as read by Mr. Despres.

HOUSE PLAQUE RESEARCH

Ms. Charpentier passed around three applications for house plaques: one for 19 Main Street, one for 194 Main Street and one for 72 Center Street. Ms. McNaughten said she was concerned with the research methods being used by the house plaque applicants. Discussion ensued regarding the process and methodology of house plaque applications. It was voted that house plaque applications would be verified before Ms. McNaughten before approval. Mr. Despres motioned. Mr. Oliveira seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission approved the Financial Report as read by the Chairman.

ACADEMY BUILDING

Mr. Despres said that Chris Richard discovered a small leak around the chimney portion of the Academy Building roof. When the wind is in a certain direction, rain will blow into the building. Don Wunschel has looked at the roof for repairs.

FIRE MUSEUM

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds were approved at the May 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting for painting the Fire Museum in FY13.

Mr. Oliveira reported that jersey barriers were removed and replaced and cobblestones were redone at the Fire Museum, thanks in part to Town Planner Bill Roth, as the Fire Museum is on Spring Street, near his recent CDBG project.

FORT PHOENIX

CPC funds were approved at Annual Town Meeting for work at Fort Phoenix in FY14.

Mr. Oliveira asked if there would be any money left over in the Historical Commission budget for FY13. Mr. Despres approximated \$200 to be left over, and said that the Town Accountant has typically allowed them to carry over small amounts into the next year.

Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau has been contacted about graffiti at the Fort, and Mr. Charbonneau passes these reports onto the State, but State workers reported that they could not access the area that was spray painted. Ms. Isaksen asked if the Commission could look into using anti-graffiti paint, and Ms. Charpentier said that that has been considered in the past.

OLD STONE SCHOOLHOUSE

There was nothing new to report.

MASS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Despres said that he had been contacted by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and he updated information regarding the Fairhaven Historical Commission and its budget. He provided a distribution from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, showing the annual budgets for all reporting Massachusetts Historical Commissions. (See Attachment A).

POTENTIAL PROJECT – REMEMBERING LOST SAILORS

Ms. Charpentier approached the Commission regarding the viability of an art installation at Fort Phoenix commemorating those who departed from New Bedford Harbor and never returned. She said that historical reports indicate that Fort Phoenix was where women and children would watch for their husbands and fathers to return home; Fort Phoenix is also where many women and children realized that their loved ones would never be coming home. Ms. Charpentier noted that Gloucester recently erected a monument to those lost at sea. She said that Fairhaven could start the process of doing the same. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of the statue to be erected, whether it would contain names of the 133 men lost at sea from New Bedford Harbor, and how the Commission could determine accuracy of the men's names. Ms. Charpentier estimated the statue would cost \$200,000. Fundraising discussion ensued.

Mr. Despres suggested the creation of a committee related to the statue, and the possibility of collecting donations from area businesses. Ms. Isaksen said that the fishing industry would likely be willing to donate as well. The topic of a monument at Fort Phoenix will be continued at a later date.

HOUSE PLAQUES (REVISITED)

Ms. Isaksen asked if the Commission had a database of homes with historical plaques. Ms. Charpentier said no. Ms. McNaughten reviewed the application for a historical plaque at 72

Center Street. She said that the application was not carefully completed and that she could not verify from the application that the house was truly built in 1856. Discussion ensued. Ms. Charpentier said that she would make copies of assessor cards and give patrons Ms. McNaughten's phone number in the future for help in researching their homes. Discussion continued on the criteria needed to determine a builder: whether it was the individual who owned the home, or if a plaque could contain the names of a developer.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Oliveira asked about the status of signs at the Academy Building to make dedicated parking for the Tourism Department. Mr. Despres contacted Paul Kitchen of the School Department, but has not heard back yet. Mr. Richard will follow up.
- Mr. Richard will be taking one of the Bicentennial signs for the Academy Building.
- Mr. Oliveira reported that Mr. Richard was having difficulty with the Historical Society using the Academy Building and then leaving the building unsecured. At their last meeting, the members of the Historical Society tripped the alarm coming in, and then did not reset the alarm afterwards. Further problems developed when Historical Society President Barbara Acksen denied wrongdoing. Discussion ensued regarding the use of the alarm and codes.

Mr. Despres motioned that he would call All Security and look into getting individual codes, so that individuals could be held responsible for not setting the alarm. Mr. Oliveira seconded. It was unanimously voted.

If security continues to be a problem, the Commission may defer the problem to its appointing authority (the Board of Selectmen).

- Ms. Charpentier indicated that the Commission should have a copy of Mr. Wunschel's Certificate of Liability on file.
- Ms. Kakley asked if the tree plaques in the Town Center, at the Town Hall and Unitarian Church, were under the purview of the Historical Commission. The Commission advised that they were not.
- Mr. Despres motioned to sign two NSTAR bills: one for \$33.20 for the Fire Museum building and \$91.09 for Fort Phoenix lighting. Ms. Kakley seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be June 5, 2013.

The Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kakley

(Minutes approved 6/5/2013)

Annual Budgets of Local Historical Commissions

Listed below are annual budgets of Local Historical Commissions in Massachusetts as reported to the MHC. If your commission has a municipal budget and it is not listed or the budget listed is incorrect, please let us know. Chris Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs, Massachusetts Historical Commission, (617) 727-8470, Christopher.Skelly@state.ma.us

Abington Hist. Comm.	\$ 800	Brimfield Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Acton Hist. Comm.	\$ 600	Brockton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Acushnet Hist. Comm.	\$ 4350	Brookfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Adams Hist. Comm.	\$ 670	Brookline Preservation Comm.	\$ 65893
Agawam Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Buckland Hist. Comm.	\$ 350
Alford Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Burlington Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Amesbury Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Cambridge Hist. Comm.	\$ 326,910
Amherst Hist. Comm.	\$ 850	Canton Hist. Comm.	\$ 3855
Andover Pres. Comm.	\$ 850	Carlisle Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000
Aquinnah Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Carver Hist. Comm.	\$ 285
Arlington Hist. Comm.	\$ 2400	Charlemont Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Ashburnham Hist. Comm.	\$ 350	Charlton Hist. Comm.	\$ 333
Ashby Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Chatham Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Ashfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 450	Chelmsford Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Ashland Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Chelsea Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Athol Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Cheshire Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Attleboro Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Chester Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Auburn Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Chesterfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Avon Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Chicopee Hist. Comm.	\$ 250
Ayer Hist. Comm.	\$ 1425	Chilmark Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Barnstable Hist. Comm.	\$ 55,462	Clarksburg - No Hist. Comm.****	\$ Not Reported
Barre Hist. Comm.	\$ 1250	Clinton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000
Becket Hist. Comm.	\$ 600	Cohasset Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Bedford Pres. Comm.	\$ 1200	Colrain Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Belchertown Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Concord Hist. Comm.	\$ 2590
Bellingham Hist. Comm.	\$ 5500	Conway Hist. Comm.	\$ 300
Belmont Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 0	Cummington Hist. Comm.	\$ 25,000
Berkley Hist. Comm.	\$ 100	Dalton Hist. Comm.	\$ 200
Berlin Hist. Comm.	\$ 75	Danvers Preservation Comm.	\$ 1900
Bernardston Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Dartmouth Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Beverly Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Dedham Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 0
Billerica Hist. Comm.	\$ 480	Deerfield Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Blackstone Hist. Comm.	\$ 7000	Dennis Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Blandford Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Dighton Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Bolton Hist. Comm.	\$ 3600	Douglas Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Boston Landmarks Commission	\$ 350000	Dover Hist. Comm.	\$ 1450
Bourne Hist. Comm.	\$ 302	Dracut Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Boxborough Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Dudley Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Boxford Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Dunstable Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Boylston Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Duxbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 200
Braintree Hist. Comm.	\$ 5,100	East Bridgewater Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Brewster Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	East Brookfield Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Bridgewater Hist. Comm.	\$ 450	East Longmeadow Hist. Comm.	\$ 660

Eastham Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Holliston Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Easthampton Hist. Comm.	\$ 32	Holyoke Hist. Comm.	\$ 130000
Easton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Hopedale Hist. Comm.	\$ 2850
Edgartown Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Hopkinton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Egremont Hist. Comm.	\$ 1200	Hubbardston Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Erving Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Hudson Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Essex Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Hull Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Everett Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Huntington Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Fairhaven Hist. Comm.	\$ 5000	Ipswich Historical Commission	\$ 1200
Fall River Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Kingston Hist. Comm.	\$ 300
Falmouth Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Lakeville Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Fitchburg Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Lancaster Hist. Comm.	\$ 4946
Florida Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Lanesborough Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Foxborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 4000	Lawrence Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Framingham Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Lee Hist. Comm.	\$ 485
Franklin Hist. Comm.	\$ 5500	Leicester Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000
Freetown Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Lenox Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Gardner Hist. Comm.	\$ \$8000	Leominster Hist. Comm.	\$ 2000
Georgetown Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Leverett Hist. Comm.	\$ 150
Gill Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Lexington Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Gloucester Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Leyden Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Goshen Hist. Comm.	\$ 300	Lincoln Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Gosnold Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Littleton Hist. Comm.	\$ 700
Grafton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Longmeadow Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Granby Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Lowell Hist. Board	\$ 95,000
Granville Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Ludlow Hist. Comm.	\$ 350
Great Barrington Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Lunenburg Hist. Comm.	\$ 978
Greenfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Lynn Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Groton Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Lynnfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 1425
Groveland Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Malden Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Hadley Hist. Comm.	\$ 1200	Manchester Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 300
Halifax Hist. Comm.	\$ 2800	Mansfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Hamilton Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 0	Marblehead Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Hampden Hist. Comm.	\$ 200	Marion Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Hancock Hist. Comm.	\$ 650	Marlborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Hanover Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Marshfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 5395
Hanson Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Mashpee Hist. Comm.	\$ 5310
Hardwick Hist. Comm.	\$ 180	Mattapoisett Hist. Comm.	\$ 750
Harvard Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Maynard Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Harwich	\$	Medfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 2500
Hatfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 3144	Medford Hist. Comm.	\$ 5,350
Haverhill Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Medway Hist. Comm.	\$ 325
Hawley Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Melrose Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Heath Hist. Comm.	\$ 250	Mendon Hist. Comm.	\$ 250
Hingham Hist. Comm.	\$ 33,847	Merrimac Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Hinsdale Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Methuen Hist. Comm.	\$ 1700
Holbrook Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Middleboro Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Holden Hist. Comm.	\$ 4000	Middlefield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Holland - No Hist. Comm.****	\$ Not Reported	Middleton Hist. Comm.	\$ 300

Milford Hist. Comm.	\$ 2300	Petersham Hist. Comm.	\$ 300
Millbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Phillipston Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Millis Hist. Comm.	\$ 3207	Pittsfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Millville Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Plainfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 50
Milton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1900	Plainville Hist. Comm.	\$ 5755
Monroe - No Hist. Comm.****	\$ Not Reported	Plymouth Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 0
Monson Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Plympton Hist. Comm.	\$ 523
Montague Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Princeton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Monterey Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Provincetown Hist. Comm.	\$ 1470
Montgomery Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Quincy Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Mount Washington Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Randolph Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Nahant Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Raynham Hist. Comm.	\$ 1500
Nantucket Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 177,000	Reading Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000
Natick Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Rehoboth Hist. Comm.	\$ 800
Needham Hist. Comm.	\$ 513	Revere Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
New Ashford Hist. Comm.	\$ 300	Richmond Hist. Comm.	\$ 400
New Bedford Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Rochester Hist. Comm.	\$ 900
New Braintree Hist. Comm.	\$ 350	Rockland Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
New Marlborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Rockport Hist. Comm.	\$ 150
New Salem Hist. Comm.	\$ 702	Rowe Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Newbury Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Rowley Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 80
Newburyport Hist. Comm.	\$ 450	Royalston Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Newton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Russell Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Norfolk Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Rutland Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
North Adams Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Salem Hist. Comm.	\$ 8567
North Andover Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Salisbury Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
North Attleborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 2340	Sandisfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
North Brookfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 100	Sandwich Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
North Reading Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Saugus Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Northampton Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Savoy Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Northborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Scituate Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Northbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Seekonk Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Northfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 375	Sharon Hist. Comm.	\$ 650
Norton Hist. Comm.	\$ 100	Sheffield Hist. Comm.	\$ 100
Norwell Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Shelburne Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Norwood Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Sherborn Hist. Comm.	\$ 1200
Oak Bluffs Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Shirley Hist. Comm.	\$ 180
Oakham Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Shrewsbury Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Orange Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Shutesbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 325
Orleans Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Somerset Hist. Comm.	\$ 100
Otis Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Somerville Hist. Preservation Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Oxford Hist. Comm.	\$ 521	South Hadley Hist. Comm.	\$ 300
Palmer Hist. Comm.	\$ 230	Southampton Hist. Comm.	\$ 2700
Paxton Hist. Comm.	\$ 175	Southborough Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Peabody Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Southbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ 750
Pelham Hist. Comm.	\$ 200	Southwick Hist. Comm.	\$ 3000
Pembroke Hist. Comm.	\$ 4000	Spencer Hist. Comm.	\$ 250
Pepperell Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Springfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 306
Peru Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		

Sterling Hist. Comm.	\$ 1200	Westhampton Hist. Comm.	\$ 200
Stockbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Westminster Hist. Comm.	\$ 1600
Stoneham Hist. Comm.	\$ 385	Weston Hist. Comm.	\$ 4000
Stoughton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Westport Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Stow Hist. Comm.	\$ 450	Westwood Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Sturbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Weymouth Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Sudbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 5950	Whately Hist. Comm.	\$ 200
Sunderland Hist. Comm.	\$ 400	Whitman Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Sutton Hist. Comm.	\$ 2000	Wilbraham Hist. Comm.	\$ 250
Swampscott Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Williamsburg Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Swansea Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Williamstown Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Taunton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Wilmington Hist. Comm.	\$ 700
Templeton Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported	Winchendon Hist. Comm.	\$ 500
Tewksbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 0	Winchester Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Tisbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 350	Windsor Hist. Comm.	\$ 0
Tolland Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Winthrop Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Topsfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500	Woburn Hist. Comm.	\$ 10000
Townsend Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 0	Worcester Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Truro Hist. Comm.	\$ 250	Worthington Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Tyngsborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000	Wrentham Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported
Tyringham Hist. Commision	\$ 300	Yarmouth Hist. Comm.	\$ 7799
Upton Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000		
Uxbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ 3250		
Wakefield Hist. Comm.	\$ 550		
Wales Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Walpole Hist. Comm.	\$ 500		
Waltham Hist. Comm.	\$ 4985		
Ware Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Wareham Hist. Comm.	\$ 100		
Warren Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000		
Warwick Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Washington Hist. Comm.	\$ 0		
Watertown Hist. Comm.	\$ 0		
Wayland Hist. Comm.	\$ 1114		
Webster Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Wellesley Hist. Comm.	\$ 525		
Wellfleet Hist. Comm.	\$ 100		
Wendell Hist. Comm.	\$ 0		
Wenham Hist. Dist. Comm.	\$ 300		
West Boylston Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
West Bridgewater Hist. Comm.	\$ 950		
West Brookfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 500		
West Newbury Hist. Comm.	\$ 0		
West Springfield Hist. Comm.	\$ 300		
West Stockbridge Hist. Comm.	\$ 1000		
West Tisbury Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Westborough Hist. Comm.	\$ 34,479		
Westfield Hist. Comm.	\$ Not Reported		
Westford Hist. Comm.	\$ 11,500		