



Fairhaven Historical Commission

July 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman David Despres, Anne Kakley, Cynthia McNaughten, and John Medeiros.

Chairman Despres declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on the Academy Building lawn.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Despres conducted a moment of silence for Town resident Victor Oliveira, who passed away in June 2013. Besides being father to Historical Commissioner Wayne Oliveira, Victor Oliveira also painted the Historical Commission house plaques for many years.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting were read into record. Mr. Despres motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. McNaughten requested three changes. Mr. Despres amended his approval vote to include the amendments. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

ACADEMY BUILDING

The arborvitae surrounding the Academy Building had been trimmed since the last meeting. Mr. Medeiros said that the "Visitor's Center Parking" signs are complete and are being stored in the Academy Building until the BPW is ready to install them

ALL SECURITY

Mr. Despres informed the Commission that he is receiving an e-mailed report from All Security on a weekly basis. He will continue to store the e-mails for a few weeks at a time before deleting the reports. There have been no false alarms since the Academy Building's alarm system was upgraded and all reports indicate that it is working well.

FIRE MUSEUM

Mr. Despres said that a Work Order was filed with the BPW with Wayne Oliveira as the contact person for interior electrical work at the Fire Museum.

FORT PHOENIX

Mr. Despres has worked with Town Accountant Anne Carreiro to complete the 30B form for work to be done at Fort Phoenix. Because there is a provision in the 30B requirement for specialized work, Mr. Despres did not need to get additional quotes for the work because there were no other known contractors who could do the work.

OLD STONE SCHOOLHOUSE

There was nothing new to report.

TREE PLANTING

Ann Richard had been invited to the July 3, 2013 meeting of the Historical Commission to discuss tree planting throughout Town but Ms. Richard could not attend. Discussion ensued on whether or not the Tree Warden had planted trees in the prior year. Discussion also included the Historical Commission's role in maintaining the look and feel of the Town, which has historically included tree-lined streets.

RUSSELL FAMILY LINEAGE

The Commission received a letter from a group based in Oregon that researches its common lineage as "Russell Family Descendents". No one present had extensive knowledge of the Russell family, which had some roots in the Dartmouth area. Ms. McNaughten said that she did not think that the Historical Commission had to get into the topic of genealogy. A copy of the letter will be given to Deb Charpentier.

192 GREEN STREET

Ms. McNaughten said that she found an old, incomplete and unapproved application for a House Plaque for 192 Green Street. Ms. McNaughten said that the application required additional research and that she wanted to give it back to the original applicants for more information. Mr. Despres motioned to approve the house plaque, pending additional information from the applicant. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ACADEMY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Medeiros noted that the Fairhaven Alumni Association had approved the donation of a slate sink for the Academy Building's bathroom. Mr. Medeiros said that he would like to see the bathroom renovated in a manner that is consistent with the old feel of the Academy Building. It was agreed that the Commissioners would look into local contractors who may be interested in donating their time and services to seeing this renovation completed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Despres motioned to sign bills, totaling \$300.38. Ms. Kakley seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be August 7, 2013.

Mr. Medeiros motioned to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Despres seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kakley

(Minutes approved 8/7/2013)