



Fairhaven Historical Commission

July 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman David Despres, Christopher Richard, Gary Lavalette, Cynthia McNaughten, Anne Kakley, Wayne Oliveira.

Chairman Despres called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on the lawn of the Academy Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Despres read the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. Mr. Lavalette motioned to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. Mr. Richard seconded. It was so voted unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Richard motioned to approve the Financial Report, as read by Mr. Despres. Mr. Oliveira seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ACADEMY BUILDING

Mr. Lavalette has painted part of the façade of the Academy Building. Another five to six gallons of paint is needed to complete the painting of the façade. Mr. Lavalette would like to change the hanging lantern over the front entrance to the Academy Building. The front door also needs work to make it easier to close. Mr. Richard suggested the possibility of a front flood light for the building. The suggestion was met favorably.

FIRE MUSEUM

The BPW electrician has the needed supplies for the Fire Museum interior work, but cannot do the job until he receives a work order from his superintendent. The Katz brothers are also scheduled to do some work on the Fire Museum. Ms. McNaughten suggested visiting the Mattapoisett Historical Society Museum for some restoration ideas.

FORT PHOENIX

Mr. Despres spoke with Deb Charpentier about looking to see if the Massachusetts Historical Society has blueprints to use for an RFP for the parapets. Mr. Lavalette reported that it had been a bad month for graffiti at the Fort. Discussion ensued on closing the parking lot at night. Ms. Kakley expressed concern regarding safety and the liability of the Town to have Mr. Lavalette in charge of moving loitering people along.

Ms. Kakley motioned request signage on Green Street that will clarify the parking limitations – a letter will be sent to the BPW. Mr. Richard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OLD STONE SCHOOLHOUSE

Mr. Richard has started a Facebook page to promote the Old Stone Schoolhouse. He has been averaging 25-26 visitors per Saturday in the summer, with a total of 130 visitors in the month of June. There have been no major issues – just some paint chipping on windowsills and possible corner rot.

HISTORICAL PLAQUES

An application for a Historical Plaque at 17 Huttleston Ave was reviewed. Mr. Despres motioned to approve the plaque. Ms. Kakley seconded. Vote carried with one vote of opposition from Ms. McNaughten, who thought more research was needed.

An application for a Historical Plaque at 64 Main Street was reviewed. Mr. Richard motioned to approve the plaque. Mr. Despres seconded. Vote carried with one vote of opposition from Ms. McNaughten, who thought more research was needed.

Discussion continued on the House Plaque application process. The application form may need to be updated.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Richard motioned to sign bills. Ms. Despres seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be August 6, 2014.

Mr. Despres motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Oliveira seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kakley

(Minutes approved 8/6/2014)