

FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017. 7PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ROOM
146 WASHINGTON STREET

Attending: Dave Despres, Vicki Paquette, Wayne Oliveira, Cynthia McNaughten, Dot Gammans, Gary Lavalette, Dan Freitas. Town Attorney Tom Crotty, Beth Luey, Colonial Club Board representative.

Previous minutes: Mr. Despres read the minutes from the May 3 meeting. They were accepted on a motion by Mr. Oliveira/seconded by Ms. Paquette.

Colonial Club: Mr. Despres explained that Mr. Rees and the Select board had requested the Historical Commissions advise as to whether the Town had any claim to the items being sold by the Colonial Club. Mr. Despres disclosed to the HC that he, and HC members Vicki Paquette and Cynthia Mcnaughten are members of the CC. Mr. Despres has informed, in writing, the Select board as to his membership. Mrs. Gammans, as she is on the Board of Directors of the CC, recused herself from the meeting. Mr. Despres read a short history of the CC. A discussion was made as to whether the CC is a 5013c, with both Mrs. Luey and Mr. Crotty agreeing that the organization is not. Mr. Despres asked Mrs. Luey as to whether any of the artifacts were ever owned by the Town, to which she replied that they were not. A discussion ensued regarding the origins of the CC collection during which it was stated that all the items were either donated to, or purchased by the CC for their own use. At the conclusion of the deliberation, Mr. Despres made a motion stating that, "the HC advises the Select board, that as the CC is a private organization, the Town has no rights or claims to any of the items belonging to the CC." The motion was seconded by Ms. Paquette and was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned, the next meeting is Wed., June 7, 2017. 7pm FFD meeting room