

Georgetown Historical Commission

Minutes 10/11/16

Attending:

Phil Tropani, Chair
Ed Desjardin, Lou Dispenza, Treasurer, Gloria Swanbon, Secretary
Joe Knapp, Derek Richards

Minutes

Minutes from 9/13/16 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Ed Desjardin, second by Lou Dispenza and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Lou reported that the new budget appropriation of \$1,000 is now available. There is also \$630 in the Donation Fund.

Motion to accept by Ed, second by Derek and unanimously approved.

Old Business

School House Estimates

Derek is meeting on the 19th with painter. Phil will query the state regarding contractors that specialize in restoration work.

Signage for Historical Sites/Maintenance of Sites

The GHC planned to meet on Saturday the 15th at 9 am and tour the sites. The fence around the Veteran's Memorial in Byfield is in need of repair.

Phil has met with 2 students that are juniors who are willing to design the signs. They are currently working on poster boards.

Union Cemetery

There are many stones in need of repair. A grant request will be prepared for the coming year. Ed has flags that can be placed where the stones are that we want repaired. Members that are available will meet at the cemetery on the 21st at 3pm to view and place the flags. Arrangements are being made with the contractors to come and give us an estimate.

Historical House Survey

The Town has approved of the agreement with K. Grover Historic Associates to complete the survey. The contract is being forwarded to K. Grover for signatures.

Members received a listing of houses for them to survey to verify that they still exist and have not been altered beyond recognition. Some of the list has been completed. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

Byfield Cemetery

Project completion is pending.

Camp Denison

The Commission had received a request from Camp Denison members for assistance identifying the whereabouts of a pest house and possible grave site for small pox victims.

The exact location is not clear or confirmed. The GHC recommended that a request for a CPA grant be submitted by Camp Denison for research and a sign. Members recommend that the sign state "Legend of Pest House" if exact location is not identified.

New Business

Central Street House

The property between the town hall and Public Safety Building is for sale. The Board of Selectmen are contemplating purchasing the property. The planned usage of the historical house on the property has not been decided.

The GHC recommended that Ed and Chris Comiskey send a letter of concern from the Historical Society.

Congregational Church Grant for Doors

The contract between the Board of Selectmen and the Congregational Church has not been finalized. Phil will be speaking with the attorney. The question is the public/private arrangements.

Plan for Funds for Coming Year

This has been tabled

NEXT MEETING:

Due to the elections the next meeting will be held a week later on Tuesday, 11/15/16 AT 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm

Submitted by:

Gloria Swanbon, Secretary