

## Georgetown Historical Commission

### Minutes 11/15/16

#### **Attending:**

Phil Trapani, Chair  
Lou Dispenza, Treasurer, Gloria Swanbon, Secretary  
Joe Knapp,

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from 10/11/16 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Joe Knapp, 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 Gloria, second by Joe and unanimously approved.

#### **Old Business**

#### **School House Estimates**

Derek is met with painter; estimate is \$22,000. Phil will contact Aulson.

#### **Signage for Historical Sites/Maintenance of Sites**

The GHC met on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and toured the sites. The fence around the Veteran's Memorial in Byfield is in need of repair and broken rails may be able to be paid for with GHC budget money. Phil to ask Peter who the vendor was that completed the project initially. It was noted that the flag pole was broken and the flag was below half-mast. Members were unsuccessful in attempting to repair. Brian arranged for it to be fixed at no charge.

Signs: Phil has met with 2 students that are juniors and drafts for 4 were reviewed. Phil to contact vendor.

#### **Union Cemetery**

Members met at the cemetery on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm and placed flags identifying those stones that were felt to be a priority for repair. 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 has been signed. Work to begin in December.

#### **Byfield Cemetery**

Project completion is pending; Stone and flag installation being overseen by Gary Fowler.

**Congregational Church Grant for Doors**

The contract between the Board of Selectmen and the Congregational Church has been finalized with a preservation restriction.

**Plan for Funds for Coming Year**

Rail replacements for Byfield Veteran's Park  
Mowing around the schoolhouse

**New Business**

**Flagpole stains at Harry Murch Park** is apparently from the watering system. Phil will ask Peter if he or Jim DiMento would be responsible.

**Restoration of the George Peabody portrait** for the Library (CPA funds) is almost complete and should return the first of the year.

**81 Elm St. Property** – Gloria queried whether or not the Commission could be proactive in requesting the owner (bank) to maintain the historical property. It was a foreclosure and there has not been any noticeable activity for 2 years. It was suggested to ask Ed if he had any documentation regarding the history of the house.

**NEXT MEETING:**

12/13/16 – 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm

Submitted by:

Gloria Swanbon, Secretary