

Georgetown Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes 4/12/16

Attending:

Ed Desjardin, Chair

Phil Trapani, Joe Knapp, Lou Dispenza, Gloria Swanbon

**Minutes**

Minutes from 3/22/16 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Gloria will forward to Janet Pantano for filing.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lou reported that there was \$500 in the budget account and \$530.35 in the Donation Fund. No bills had been paid, but there is an outstanding balance due to the Historical Society for mowing the lawn around the school house.

Ed will get a bill for the mowing.

Phil suggested that we purchase new flags for the town parks.

Motion by Gloria to accept report, second by Phil, approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**2 Tenney Street**

Ed stated that there has been a fair amount of activity and viewing of the property. The contractor is considering lowering the price. It has been on the market for about a month. Joe questioned whether or not anything further needed to be done with the state in order for the property to be exempt from the latest zoning laws. Ed was comfortable with the letter that was received from the State Historical Commission and will follow.

The Historical Commission will continue to follow progress on the property.

**Donation Fund Article**

Joe has drafted an article making the public aware there is a tax deductible fund to be used to preserve and care for the historical properties in town.

The article was reviewed by members.

Phil will forward it to the local press for publication.

**Projects Review**

Phil will review with Peter Durkee the scheduling for removal of the remaining invasives at Union Cemetery, installing sprinklers on the Civil War Monument green, and fence removal and planting at the town hall.

**Historical Structures Survey** – need to add Terry's house to the Marlboro District. Project needs to go out to bid; previous contractor interested in doing the job; need Mike Farrell to put it out to bid.

Joe, Phil and Mike to meet regarding the plans for completion of the next phase of the project.

**Digitized Papers & Town Reports**- a list was received from the Library Director of what has been sent to be digitized. Many issues are missing. It was felt that some older citizens in town might have some of them.

Ed to contact Dan Meader to see if he has any of the missing copies.

**Union Cemetery** – Phil to contact the scouts to see if more of the project can be completed. Per the existing CPA funded Cemetery Landscape Rehab Plan, the Commission would like to have a focal point in the flag and bench area. Some type of stone work around the area has been recommended. Ed is to sketch a plan.

Many stones are in disrepair and need work. It was suggested that the Commission prepare a CPA request for next year.

Phil and Ed to prepare request.

**Signs for Historical Sites** – it was suggested that perhaps the high school art students could assist with the designing of the signs. It would be considered a community service project for the students. Phil to inquire.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Annual Report of State Historical Properties**

Ed has received the Annual Report of Historical Properties in the State. Previous reports are stored in a closet at the town hall. Sarah, Library Director, has agreed to accept the report and store it in the History Room.

Phil made a motion to donate the document to the Library for the History Room; it was seconded by Gloria and passed unanimously.

**Electronic Sign for Town Hall** – the Kiwanis has asked for assistance in purchasing a new electronic sign to be used for announcing town events. The cost is approximately \$12,000. The Commission does not have the funds and will suggest they seek CPA funds.

**Harmony Cemetery** – help is needed with their listings and inventory. Many records are still on index cards. Dave Bogdan, who is in charge and will be contacted.

**Horse Farm, 240 Andover Street** - notice has been received of a 61B provision where the town has the first refusal on the sale. The selectmen are aware and have met with their attorney. The Commission will follow.

**School House Roof, siding and other repairs** – it was suggested that Alan Aulson be asked to review the damages and estimate what's needed. The inside also needs painting. Suggestions included requesting CPA funds and having a separate fund raiser for the school.

**Recording Meetings** – Phil has donated a camera and Joe has purchased microphones. They will be tested at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, 5/4/16 at 7 pm**  
**Note day change due to conflicting schedules**

Motion to adjourn at 8:27pm by Gloria, seconded by Ed, unanimously approved.

Submitted by:

Gloria Swanbon