

# **Georgetown Historical Commission**

## **Minutes 6/14/16**

### **Attending:**

Phil Trapani, acting chair

Lou Dispenza, Derek Richards, Joe Knapp, Ed Desjardin, Gloria Swanbon

Guest Bryan Benoit attended and expressed an interest in becoming a member.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from 5/4/16 were reviewed. Motion by Derek, seconded by Lou and approved unanimously.

Gloria will forward to the town hall for filing.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lou reported that there is \$12.00 left from the fiscal year's budget. The Friends account has \$630.00 and as of 7/1/16 there will be \$1,000.00 in the budget.

Motion was made to accept by Joe, second by Derek, unanimously approved.

### **Reorganization of the Commission**

Phil is willing to stay on as a full member and be Chairman.

Motion by Gloria, second by Derek, unanimously approved as full member and chair.

Gloria will send a request to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

Motion by Phil to appoint Gloria as Secretary, second by Derek, unanimously approved.

Motion by Phil to reappoint Lou Dispenza as Treasurer, second by Gloria, unanimously approved.

Gloria will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that Bryan Benoit be appointed as an alternate for 1 year.

Ed Desjardin and Joe Knapp will each send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting reappointments for 1 year as alternate members of the Commission.

### **Old Business**

#### **Tenney St**

Ed reported there was a buyer interested from Chelsea. She was negotiating with the owner who was also placing some condition on the sale that involved landscaping and septic.

Commission will continue to follow until 6 month demolition delay expires.

#### **Donation Fund Article**

News article has been submitted to the Georgetown Record

No further action.

#### **Projects Review (ongoing)**

### **School House**

Many needed repairs. Joe agreed to work with Alan Aulson to obtain costs/estimates on repairs.

Derek will obtain an estimate for inside ceiling and walls. There was a concern of carpenter ants in the building. Derek will contact an exterminator.

### **Signage for Historical Sites**

There are some students in the high school that would be interested in designing the signs. Phil will work with them. There is \$9,000 left for the project.

At the next meeting the Power Point presentation will be reviewed.

### **Union Cemetery**

Unsure of where Peter Durkee is with the schedule. There is \$8,000 for removal of invasives and landscaping. A patio with benches has been designed.

**Completion of survey of stones and burials** – Phil is looking for other scouts that may be interested in working on the project.

**Restoration of markers/head stones** – PCP funds will be requested next year.

### **Civil War Green**

Sprinklers have not been installed as of yet.

Phil to check with Peter Durkee on Union Cemetery and sprinklers.

### **Town Hall Fence/Hedge**

The fence has been removed and most of the hedges have been planted. Commission noted much improvement.

### **Historical House Surveys**

Phil and Joe will meet with Mike Farrell to arrange for bidding on the project. Party that completed previous surveys is interested in the project.

### **Digitized Papers/Town Reports**

Gloria spoke with Dan Meader who has many copies and is willing to coordinate with Sarah Lynch, Library Director for digitizing the document. Their contact information has been provided so they may contact each other.

### **Other**

#### **Dunbar Tavern**

The property is now for sale again. The demolition delay has expired; new owners will have to come before the Commission prior to any demolition planning.

#### **PCP Funds for Byfield Cemetery**

Funds have been approved. Peter Durkee will order the flag pole and oversee construction.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 7/26/16 at 7 pm in the Town Hall lower level meeting room.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:43pm made by Lou, seconded by Ed, unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Gloria Swanbon, Secretary  
Georgetown Historical Commission