Halifax Historical Commission Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016

Meeting attendees were Chairman Susan Basile, Vice Chairman John Shea, members Kevin Shea, Shirley Schindler, Paul Murray and Mason Cook.

Due to the fact that there was a problem with the heat November's meeting was canceled.

Susan had sign the warrant and left it with the town accountant. John and Kevin Shea were asked to go to the Town Hall and sign the warrant at their convenience.

Budget gone over and the electric bills paid as follows: October: Museum \$61.36, Security Light \$47.89 for a total of \$109.25 for November: Museum \$74.70, Security Light \$47.59, leaving a balance of \$1,578.64. Still having a problem with the invoices, Town Account, Sandy Nolan has been in contact with the electric company and is trying to work this problem out.

Under new business: Received notice that a designated member can be appointed for signing warrant as it is no longer necessary to have three members signature according to Barbara Gaynor. A letter will be forwarded to Ms. Gaynor stating that a vote was taken and it was unanimous that Susan Basile be appointed to sign any and all warrants.

The Municipal and School Building Committee have notified the Historical Commission and Historical Society that the chimney on the Museum and the Blacksmith Shop will be repaired. Susan had stated sometime ago that she had spoken to the Accountant's office about using monies in the Historical Commission Trust account for the purpose of repairing the chimney at the Museum and it has been approved by the Town Accountant. A unanimous vote was taken to move forward with this project. Municipal & School Building Committee have contacted John Shea and Susan Basile looking for their opinion in regards to taking the chimney's off of Pope's Tavern as a cost effective measure. It was decided that more thought needs to go into this matter. Thanks to John Shea, Edward McSweeney of South Street has made repairs to the floor boards in the Blacksmith Shop. Ed had graciously offer to donate his time so the Historical Society only had to pay for the material. John Shea is looking into having the "insect" problem looked into as well.

Melinda Tarsi had filled out a talent form and Susan had placed a call to her and left a message inviting her to attend the meeting. She had not called back or come to the meeting. Her form will be placed in a file for the time being.

Under old business: The Commission members were told that Mark Young had cleaned out the Blacksmith shop and it will be ready for Holidays in Halifax.

It was decided that as winter is upon us the next 3 meetings may be canceled due to weather. Emails will be forwarded to members in advance to be notified each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Basile, Chairman Secretary Pro-tem

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