

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013



## Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:38 PM.

*Members present:* Chris Drelich, Lon Hachmeister, Channing Howard, and Nancy Thurlow.

*Members absent:* Sue Nagle, Bill Towne.

Also present were Jan Forrest and Eva Jackman, who both indicated that they were interested in learning more about the work of the Historical Commission.

## Approval of July Minutes Postponed 2<sup>nd</sup> Time

Since Lon was not yet a member of the HC at the July 2013 meeting, for the second time we did not reach a quorum to vote for approval of those minutes. Voting will take place at a subsequent meeting.

## Approval of August Minutes

The draft minutes of the 8/14/13 meeting were presented and amended to better reflect the proceedings of the meeting. A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes with the corrections in place. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

## Correspondence

A letter was sent to the HC via e-mail asking about Norse Ruins. Visitor Eva Jackman expressed that she may have some information about them; Channing also knew of some information. Channing will respond to the inquiry.

## Reports

### 1. Treasurer's Report

As of September 11, 2013	<i>General Fund</i>	\$301.10
	<i>Gift Fund</i>	\$1,425.78
	<i>Special Article Fund</i>	<u>\$6,068.50</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,885.38</b>

## Old Business

### 1. Trails & Sails

Essex Heritage's *Trails & Sails* weekend is coming. The Lower Green Schoolhouse will be open from 10 – 4 on Saturday, September 21 and 28; on Sunday, September 22 and 29, it will be open 1 – 4. Chris and Nancy will be able to provide coverage during open hours. Lon will pick up the materials from the Essex National Heritage Center in Salem and leave them in the schoolhouse.

### 2. Deteriorating Clapboards on Schoolhouse

Channing spoke with Sam Joslin, Building Inspector, who said he has a carpenter who can do work on the clapboards that are rotting on the schoolhouse. There are three spots on the East-facing side on the lower 3 clapboards nearest the ground, and one spot on the West side. Chris will coordinate with Sam.

### 3. Forsythia at Monument

The left-hand forsythia is looking very sickly; the right-hand one seems to have taken. Nancy said "It's not dead yet" and we will keep an eye on it and keep it well-watered.

### 4. Stone Wall at Manter Field

See *New Business #5, 7/13/13 meeting, for background*. Channing reported that at Fall Town Meeting \$80,000 was appropriated for improvements to Manter Field on Central Street in Byfield. If there is money left over from major projects, they hope to continue rebuilding the stone wall.

### 5. Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

Channing reviewed the Proposed DDB for the sake of those new to the work of the HC. Time was spent discussing the next steps required. All members were instructed to reread the proposed bylaw and send corrections and questions to Chris via e-mail for discussion at the October meeting.

## New Business

### 1. Election of Officers

We attempted to elect officers at our August meeting, but did not have a quorum to vote. Since we had a quorum at this September meeting, the following motions were made:

MOTION: A motion was made by Chris Drelich to reappoint **Channing Howard** as **Chair** of the Historical Commission.  
*The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

MOTION: A motion was made by Nancy Thurlow to reappoint **Chris Drelich** as **Clerk/Treasurer** of the Historical Commission.  
*The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

MOTION: A motion was made by Chris Drelich to appoint **Nancy Thurlow** as **Vice Chair** of the Historical Commission.  
*The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

## 2. **Appointment of Associate Members**

Local Historical Commissions are allowed to appoint non-voting Associate Members following the affirmative vote of a majority of the commission members. Associate Members participate fully in the HC's activities and discussions but cannot vote.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chris Drelich to establish two non-voting Associate Member positions, with the provision to add more Associate Member positions in the future if so warranted.

*The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

MOTION: A motion was made by Chris Drelich to appoint Jan Forrest and Eva Jackman as Associate Members of the Newbury Historical Commission.

*The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Historical Commission was set for Wednesday, **October 16**, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Newbury Town Library, Lunt Street, Byfield. ***Note this a deviation from our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday schedule.*** Too many members were unavailable on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Christopher Drelich,  
Clerk/Treasurer

Date of approval