

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:37 PM.

Members present: Chris Drelich, Lon Hachmeister, Channing Howard, Sue Nagle, and Nancy Thurlow.
Members absent: Bill Towne.

Associate members present: Eva Jackman, Jan Forrest

Approval of Minutes

1. The draft minutes of the 7/17/13 meeting were presented. A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of all who were present at that meeting (Drelich, Howard, Nagle, Thurlow).
2. The draft minutes of the 9/11/13 meeting were presented. A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

As of October 16, 2013	<i>General Fund</i>	\$301.10
	<i>Gift Fund</i>	\$1,575.78
	<i>Special Article Fund</i>	<u>\$6,068.50</u>
	Total	\$7,945.38

Old Business

1. Trails & Sails

Trails & Sails was a good success this year. Chris and Nancy covered the various shifts and approximately 85 visitors came through over the course of 4 open houses.

2. Viking Stones & Potential Lecture Series

We spent a good deal of time looking at materials that Eva Jackman brought about the Viking Stones at Great Meadow. This discussion led to the idea of having a woman from Lowell speak about the stones (she has done a lot of research), which in turn led to a discussion about a potential Lecture Series, where various speakers could present historical research and information. Dave Mountain, for example, could give a lecture on the Byfield mills. No formalized plans were made, but we will keep it in mind for the future.

3. **Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw**

The Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw has reached the point where we are ready to share it with town staff members, boards, and committees for their feedback. Chris will finalize the layout and formatting and bring 25 copies to the November HC meeting to decide which departments will be receiving copies.

New Business

1. **“Images from the Past” Book**

We discussed the remainder of *Images from the Past*, the book published for the 350th anniversary in 1985. We are unsure if Sue Little is still selling them at Jabberwocky, where they had been selling for \$21.50. They are available at Town Hall for \$10, so Chris will check into how many Leslie has and how many Jabberwocky has (if any). A brief discussion on a future reprinting was held. The reprinted books could be sold at the Schoolhouse, through Town Hall, and at local bookstores.

2. **Newbury Historic District**

Channing raised a question about the “Newbury Historic District” which was quoted in the Woodbridge School Preservation Restrictions document. Chris mentioned that he remembers seeing an article from an older copy of *Old Time New England*, the journal of SPNEA (now known as Historic New England). Chris will try to find the article and send it to members of the HC.

3. **1970s Aerial Photos of Town**

While the Woodbridge School was being cleaned out, a large number of aerial photographs measuring approximately 36” x 48” were identified with a sign, “*For Historical Commission.*” Channing and Chris looked at them earlier this summer, and Chris then rolled them up and put them in the small bathroom on the West end of the Lower Green Schoolhouse. Channing would like us to look into having them scanned and made available online for folks to look at. Sue Nagle offered to check around for pricing.

4. **Membership Note**

Bill Towne turned in all of his HC materials along with his Lower Green Schoolhouse key. Although we have not yet received formal word, it appears he is resigning from the HC. Sue Nagle brought the materials on Bill’s behalf. We will try to get official word from Bill as soon as possible.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Historical Commission was set for Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Newbury Town Library, Lunt Street, Byfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.



Christopher Drelich,
Clerk/Treasurer

11/13/13

Date of approval