

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

## Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The meeting convened at 6:30 PM.

Those in attendance were: Chris Drelich, Channing Howard, Marcia Peirce, Barbara Rogers, and Bill Towne. Nancy Thurlow was absent.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 1/17/12 meeting were presented and approved on a motion made by Barbara Rogers. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

## Old Business

1. Barbara Rogers reported that a gift account already exists for the HC.
2. A letter to the selectmen has been written and submitted requesting the transfer of memorabilia and sale items from the 350<sup>th</sup> and 375<sup>th</sup> anniversaries to the oversight of the HC. As of this meeting, we have not heard back from the selectmen.
3. Essex National Heritage's *Trails and Sails* event was discussed again. Dates are September 21 - 23, 2012 and September 28 - 30, 2012. At this time the consensus seems to be to open the schoolhouse on those two weekends and provide a map of nearby historical points of interest. Further discussion will take place in the future.
4. No update on the appointment of a 7<sup>th</sup> member to the HC.
5. Bill Towne is currently working on cataloguing historical assets of the HC. He was recently contacted by Ruth Yesair, who requested access to these items on behalf of Jay Williamson of the Historical Society of Old Newbury.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Barbara Rogers to wait until we have a better sense of what the HC has jurisdiction over before we loan anything out. Chris Drelich will send a letter to Jay Williamson explaining the situation. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

6. Continuing a search for a more permanent location for our historical assets, Barbara Rogers will talk to the Newbury Town Library to see if there is any space that will serve our needs.

7. Members of the HC brought Demolition Delay Bylaws from various towns. It was noted that many Massachusetts towns share common language in their bylaws. Chris Drelich was given everyone's materials and will type up a worksheet/grid which outlines key elements/timelines of each town's bylaw. We will look at the grid at our next meeting.

### **New Business**

1. The HC received a gift from Ruth Yesair: *Records of School District No. 9 in Newbury*, a handwritten account that spans the 1820s through 1840s. For now, the book will be housed along with other historical assets in the temporary location of the Coffin House, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor spare bedroom. Chris plans to scan parts of the book to be available on the HC website, as well.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Bill Towne to send Ruth a thank you note on behalf of the HC. Chris Drelich will send the note. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

### **Announcements**

1. The HC meeting of April 11, 2012 will be a site walk of the Larkin Mill, Larkin Road, Byfield. (See 1/17/12 minutes, New Business item #3 for context).

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the HC was confirmed for Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt Street, Byfield MA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Christopher Drelich  
Christopher Drelich,  
Clerk

3/14/12  
Date of approval