

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. The meeting convened at 6:30 PM.

Those in attendance were: Chris Drelich, Sue Nagle, Marcia Peirce, Barbara Rogers, Nancy Thurlow, and Bill Towne. Channing Howard was absent; Barbara Rogers, vice president, presided over the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 3/14/12 meeting were presented and approved on a motion made by Bill Towne. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. We welcomed Sue Nagle, newest member of the Historical Commission.
2. The Larkin Mill machinery is being housed at Pearson's, back behind the building. It is in a large dumpster container. We have received word that the Ipswich River Watershed Association is no longer interested in the equipment.
Chris Drelich suggested we create a historical display - possibly near the mill site - which would include gears and a few pulverizer bowls, along with a sign which would give the history of the building and include old views of the mill (similar to the panels along the Newburyport Rail Trail).
It was decided that Chris will send a letter to Tracy Blais, Town Administrator, the Selectmen, and Bill Pearson asking that the machinery be saved for the next month as the Historical Commission comes up with a plan.
Barb will also contact Dave Mountain, who took pictures of the demolition of the mill. We would like copies of those pictures for our archives.
4. Monies were discussed and it was decided that Chris will get in touch with Tracy to see if there is money left in our account that needs to be spent by June 30th (end of the fiscal year), and whether or not we have a budget for next year, even though we never had a chance to submit a request (the HC hadn't been re-formed at that time).
5. A printed copy of an e-mail (subject line: "More News and Updates - Historical Comm.") sent by Chris Drelich to the Historical Commission on April 25, 2012 was presented.

Motion: A motion was made by Barbara Rogers to add the e-mail to the official records of the Historical Commission. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Trails & Sails: We discussed the Trails & Sails program and decided to pursue having a program during *one* of the two weekends. The schoolhouse, First Settlers' Burial Ground, and Jackman-Willett House will all be part of the tour. More discussion to come in subsequent meetings.
7. Chris has developed an updated informational brochure on the Lower Green Schoolhouse. He will bring it to the next meeting for the HC to review & edit.

New Business

1. We briefly discussed the idea of instituting a "use of facilities" fee if folks want the schoolhouse open for events (family gatherings, community events, etc). We decided to table the discussion until a future meeting.
2. **Schoolhouse cleaning party** will take place on Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 PM. We will get the schoolhouse ready for open houses this summer. Chris will come up with a schedule sheet of potential open times that people can sign up to cover.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Historical Commission was confirmed for Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Newbury Town Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Christopher Drelich
Christopher Drelich,
Clerk

6/6/12
Date of approval