

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. The meeting convened at 6:35 PM.

Members present: Barbara Rogers, Chris Drelich, Bill Towne, Sue Nagle, and Nancy Thurlow. President Channing Howard and Marcia Peirce were absent. Vice President Barbara Rogers presided over the meeting in Channing's absence.

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of the 9/12/12 meeting were presented and approved on a MOTION made by Bill Towne.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

As of 10/10/12, the General Fund has \$469.85 remaining. The Gift Fund totals \$1,128.78. Nancy Thurlow made a MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Planning Board Meeting Update

Chris Drelich and Bill Towne attended the meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday, October 3rd (see 9/12/12 HC minutes, Old Business item #3 for context). The Planning Board indicated that they are 100% in favor of the creation of a Demolition Delay Bylaw for the town and they gave full endorsement to the HC drafting a proposed DDB for future review.

Nancy Thurlow added that when the HC starts formal discussion of a DDB, she would like us to consider old stone walls and if they should be incorporated into the bylaw somehow.

Old Business

1. 350th Anniversary Coins

The HC discussed the fate of the silver coins that remain from the 350th anniversary. Chris spoke with Tracy Blais who said that the town wants to keep the silver coins in Town Hall for the time being. Tracy explained that if the Historical Commission would like the town to sell the coins, we should indicate such in a memo to Tracy and the Selectmen. The coins would then be sold, and because the coins are considered 'town property,' the proceeds from the sale must first go into the town's General Fund. At the next town meeting, the voters would have to approve the appropriation of those funds to the Historical Commission.

MOTION:

Bill Towne made a motion for Chris Drelich to send a letter to Tracy Blais requesting the following:

- a. The silver coins are to be sold. The town should manage this sale.
- b. Proceeds from the sale of the coins should be placed in a dedicated account for transfer to the Historical Commission Gift Fund pending voter approval at the next town meeting.
- c. Proceeds from the sale will be used for future programs and/or endeavors as prioritized by the Historical Commission.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. **Trails & Sails Weekend**

Although we got off to a drizzly and overcast start, 35 people took advantage of our Trails & Sails program on Saturday, September 22. Thanks to Barb for organizing and for all those who helped out.

3. **Larkin Mill Machinery**

The Larkin Mill machinery is currently at the site of the old dump on Boston Road, pending future creation of some sort of historical display somewhere in town.

New Business

1. **November Meeting Agenda**

The HC identified the following items to be placed on the formal agenda for the next meeting.

- a. Demolition Delay Bylaw
- b. Double-headed snake wall hanging / flag
- c. Goals and aims as a group, including:
 - i. why each of us became involved with the Historical Commission, and
 - ii. what we want to see the Historical Commission do.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Historical Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Newbury Town Library, 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Christopher Drelich
Christopher Drelich,
Clerk/Treasurer

November 14, 2012
Date of approval