

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Library on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:37 PM.

Members present: Nancy Thurlow, Barbara Rogers, Chris Drelich, Channing Howard, Marcia Peirce, and Bill Towne.

Member absent: Sue Nagle.

Approval of Minutes

Regarding the approval of minutes, Barbara Rogers raised the point that members who were not present at the previous month's meeting should not move to accept the minutes from that meeting as presented. They would have no way of knowing whether the minutes in fact reflected the items discussed at the meeting.

Since the draft minutes of the 11/14/12 meeting were approved on a motion made by Chris Drelich, but Chris wasn't at the 11/14 meeting, Bill Towne instead made MOTION to accept the minutes of the 11/14/12 meeting. *Nancy Thurlow, Barbara Rogers, Channing Howard, Marcia Peirce, and Bill Towne were in favor. Chris Drelich abstained, as he was not present at the 11/14 meeting.*
The motion carried.

The draft minutes of the 12/12/12 meeting were then presented and approved on a MOTION made by Chris Drelich. *Nancy Thurlow, Barbara Rogers, Channing Howard, and Chris Drelich were in favor. Bill Towne and Marcia Peirce abstained, as they were not present at the 12/12 meeting.*
The motion carried.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

Chris Drelich indicated that there has been no change in monies since the November report. The regular fund is still at \$319.85; the gift fund remains at \$1,128.78.

Old Business

1. Merchandise Sales

Chris Drelich will check with Sue Nagle to see if any merchandise was sold at Haley's Ice Cream holiday shop.

2. Management Plans for Town-Owned Properties

See 12/12/12 New Business item #1 for background. Channing reviewed the Upper Green Management Plan discussion that was held at the December 12 HC meeting. He had done some research on the Newbury Improvement Trust and had spoken with Peter Albrecht, one of the trustees. Peter indicated that the N.I.T. has been inactive since its establishment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill Towne to table further discussion of the Management Plan for the time being.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. **Status of Surplus Land**

Channing spoke with Martha Taylor, Town Planner, who indicated that the Surplus Land Committee has been dissolved. Channing asked what their findings were regarding the land at the site of the former Larkin Mill, but Martha didn't have an immediate answer. She indicated that they will let us know. There was no further discussion.

4. **Mission Statement**

Nancy had presented a draft of a mission statement at the 11/14/12 meeting. Chris also had a sample mission statement that was already on the website (prematurely). He indicated that he would remove it for the time being. The HC charged Chris with drafting a proposed mission statement that is a cross-breed of Nancy's draft and Chris's draft; he will e-mail the proposed mission statement to the members of the HC prior to the next meeting.

New Business

1. **Trash Tower on Upper Green**

Local resident Carol Baum contacted Chris requesting to make a presentation to the HC about a proposed Trash Tower for the Upper Green. She has been collecting trash from the sides of roads and is hoping the Trash Tower and an accompanying sign would raise awareness on the issue of littering.

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill Towne to invite Carol to make a short presentation at the beginning of the next HC meeting. Chris will extend the invitation to Carol.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. **Receipt of Gifts**

Bill Towne donated an old metal container in a wood crate which held spearmint oil for the flavoring of snuff. Bill also presented a gift of 4 booklets from Ruth Yesair. Chris will write thank you notes acknowledging both gifts. The container will be brought to the Lower Green Schoolhouse for display; the books will be added to our file cabinets at the Newbury Town Library. Barbara Rogers questioned what is happening with items given to the HC; if items are continuously being deposited into the Schoolhouse, is the Schoolhouse ultimately turning into a museum?

3. **Annual Report**

Chris Drelich inquired when Annual Reports are due for the Town Report. As no members knew an exact date, he was referred to Town Hall. Chris will check with the Town Clerk's office and bring a draft of his proposed report to the next meeting for review.

4. **Demolition Delay Bylaw**

Work then commenced on the draft proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw. Approximately 30 minutes was spent reviewing chapters 1-3. Work on additional chapters will take place in subsequent meetings.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Historical Commission was scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Newbury Town Library, 6:30 PM. Please note that this date is a departure from our normal 2nd Wednesday schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

<u>Christopher Drelich</u>	<u>2/6/13</u>
Christopher Drelich, Clerk/Treasurer	Date of approval