

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at The Governor's Academy, Pescosolido Library, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:47 PM.

Members present: Chris Drelich, Lon Hachmeister, Channing Howard, Sue Nagle, and Nancy Thurlow.
Members absent: None (*see note about Bill Towne, below*)

Associate members present: Jan Forrest
Associate members absent: Eva Jackman

Approval of Minutes

1. The draft minutes of the 11/13/13 meeting were presented. A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes as presented. *The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Correspondence / Membership

1. Bill Towne has officially resigned from the Historical Commission, as he is no longer living in town. He wishes us the best of luck in our work.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

As of December 11, 2013	<i>General Fund</i>	\$301.10
	<i>Gift Fund</i>	\$1,575.78
	<i>Special Article Fund</i>	\$6,068.50
	Total	\$7,945.38

Old Business

1. Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

Channing reported that the Proposed DDB was given out to the Building Commissioner's office, Selectmen's office, Planning Board, Town Administrator, and Town Counsel. He has invited department heads to attend our February 2014 meeting to ask questions and discuss the proposed DDB. The HC looked at some questions and concerns that had come up upon a few early perusals of the proposed DDB but did not make any adjustments to the document as it stands.

2. "Images from the Past" Books

Nancy had a chance to visit Jabberwocky Bookstore, Newburyport. They do not have any copies at this time but they indicated they would be willing to sell them for us in the future.

3. 1970s Aerial Photos of Town / Document Scanner

At the November 2013 meeting, a motion was passed authorizing Sue Nagle to bring the 1970s aerial photos of the town to Zip Type for scanning. We have since learned that the town now owns professional-grade document and photo scanning equipment. Channing inquired as to whether the HC

can use the equipment and was told that yes, we would have full access. No further action was taken at this time regarding the aerial photos.

4. Scanning Historical Resources

Regarding preservation of historic resources, Tracy Blais, Town Administrator, indicated to Channing that there is currently \$1,800 per year available for document scanning and conservation, and the Historical Commission can make recommendations as to how that money is spent. No further discussion took place.

5. New Lights for Upper Green Tree

Although a motion was made at the November meeting authorizing Chris Drelich to oversee the replacement of the lights on the Upper Green Tree, Newbury Protection #2 (who oversees the decoration of the tree) indicated that they had already decorated the tree for this season. They indicated that they would be open to revisiting the idea early next fall.

6. Special Municipal Employees

Channing reported that he has spoken with Tracy Blais, Town Administrator, regarding the appointment of members of the HC as “Special Municipal Employees” (*See November 2013 meeting minutes for background*). Tracy will explore the matter further.

New Business

1. Community Preservation Act Informational Meeting

An open meeting to learn more about the *Community Preservation Act* will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. We decided to cancel our normal January meeting and HC members may attend this CPA presentation. Newbury currently does not participate in the CPA.

Adjournment

Since the Community Preservation Act meeting falls in January near our normal Wednesday meeting, we decided to schedule the next meeting of the Historical Commission for Wednesday, February 12, 2014 and forego a regular January meeting. The meeting on Wednesday, February 12 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Newbury Town Hall and we have invited department heads to discuss the proposed DDB.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Christopher Drelich
Christopher Drelich,
Clerk/Treasurer

4/16/14
Date of approval
