

# NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2014

## CALL TO ORDER

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Hall on Wednesday, May 22, 2014. The meeting convened at 6:40 PM.

*Members present:* Chris Drelich, Channing Howard, Nancy Thurlow, and Sue Nagle.

*Members absent:* Lon Hachmeister

*Associate members present:* Jan Forrest.

*Associate members absent:* Eva Jackman

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 2014 meeting were presented. A MOTION was made by Chris Drelich to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 22, 2014

<i>General Fund</i>	\$301.10
<i>Gift Fund</i>	\$1,575.78
<i>Special Article Fund</i>	\$6,068.50
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>\$7,945.38</b>

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Jim Cunningham possible presentation

Jim Cunningham has reached out to Channing and said that he would be interested in doing a historical talk on the Chipman Silver Mine.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

We are planning on voting on the Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw at our June meeting. The HC spent some time figuring out the timeline to get the DDB on the warrant for Fall Special Town Meeting. We should submit the final copy by August 22<sup>nd</sup> to ensure plenty of time. Public hearings, therefore, would need to take place in July.

We continued discussing the cutoff date for buildings automatically affected, as well as the length of the demolition delay. Members were asked to continue their research to find a date which makes sense (end of a major architectural movement, for example) and bring their findings to the June meeting.

### 2. Lower Green Schoolhouse Maintenance

Channing reported that he met with Sam Joslin, Building Commissioner, and the chimney is scheduled to be completely rebuilt beginning at the attic floor. The clapboards on the High Road side will be inspected and rotten ones replaced. Both projects will take place after the new fiscal year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Lecture Series / Presentations**

The letter from Jim Cunningham prompted a brief discussion about starting a regular lecture series. Channing has asked Jim to suggest a few times he would be willing to present about the Chipman Mine. Peg Plummer from the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee was identified as someone who may wish to speak about Salt Haying. No further action was taken at this time.

### **2. Schoolhouse Open Houses**

The HC decided to open the Lower Green Schoolhouse on Saturdays & Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. during June, July, and August. Chris will send out a link for signups.

### **3. Trails & Sails**

It was decided to *not* participate formally in Trails & Sails this year, but rather just have the schoolhouse open on those two weekends in September for passersby.

### **4. Massachusetts Open Meeting Law**

Channing asked Chris to look into the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and who is in charge of keeping paperwork/signatures on file annually. Chris will explore.

### **5. Meeting Times**

It was decided to move all future meetings of the Historical Commission to 7:00 PM. Many members are finding the 6:30 start time too close to other commitments of the day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at **7:00 PM** at the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm Visitor's Center, Little's Lane, Newbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.



Christopher Drelich,  
Clerk/Treasurer

6/11/14

Date of approval