

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of February 16, 2011

Present: Norm Corbin, Marie Nieber, Stephen Anderson, Stephanie Stockman
Guest Present: Debra Comeau (potential new member)

Meeting called to order by chariman at 7:00PM.

Approval of Minutes – January 2011 meeting minutes will be voted on at the March 2011 meeting.

CPA Historic Funding Requests Update – The Community Preservation Commission has selected the projects for approval at the April 2011 Town Meeting. The projects with a historical theme that will be presented for approval include; an engineering study for renovations/improvements to the Church Street Bridge over Cold Harbor Brook (\$50,000), a memorial sign for the John Brigham Mill (\$1500) and adding funding for the Historical Reserve (\$52,000). The request for a plaque near the Library for Cyrus Gale was passed over for this year.

Route 20 Mitigation Status – Mary Staladnick, from the Dept. of Transportation, emailed Steve stating that the draft language for the Boston Post Road Plaque was still in the process of being reviewed.

National Register Progress – Norm submitted the requested photographs of the Gale Library building and the Historic Society building to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). Stephanie submitted the requested information of gravestone carvers for the Howard Street Burial Ground to the MHC. The Mary Goodnow site information that was requested by the MHC is still in process.

Zoning Board of Appeal – The property at 38 Main Street was approved for the School Street entrance. Also Ian Gow (property owner) volunteered to put a preservation restriction on this property. Norm will contact the Town Hall to obtain a copy of the Presentation Restriction wording.

Funding Sources and Ideas – Norm will be submitting a request to the MHC for funding for the Brigham Street sign.

Website Update – The NHC website is in the process of being updated.

Preservation Restriction Status – Paperwork for 103 Bartlett Street will be sent to us as soon as it is complete.

At 8:00PM, a motion was made by S. Anderson and seconded by N. Corbin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie A. Stockman, (Committee Member, Secretary Pro Tem)