

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of March 16, 2011

Present: Norm Corbin, Marie Wyman, Marie Nieber, Stephen Anderson, Don Haitsma and Stephanie Stockman. Guest Debra Comeau.

Meeting called to order by chairman at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 16 and January 19 as read, by Marie Nieber and seconded by Don Haitsma. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mitigation for the Rt. 20 project – Patty Lane and Main St.

In regards to the choice of the Rt. 20 plaque, Mary Staladnic will require our final decision regarding the image for the plaque design. Norm will be signing documentation regarding our agreement for 2 benches and a plaque.

National Register Status

- Gale Library Building - no update from MHC
- Historic Society Building – no update from MHC
- Howard St. Burial Ground – Stephanie Stockman has been in touch with the MHC. There are additional questions about the newer sections of the cemetery and how it overlaps with the older sections. Also they wanted to know about any outstanding grave markers. It was suggested that she contact Bob Ellis and the Cemetery Commission for more information.
- Mary Goodnow Burial Site – Debra Comeau has volunteered to review the MHC comments and was given information to learn more about the Indian attack when Mary Goodnow was killed.
- Brigham Street Burial Site - Beth McCarthy Finch has volunteered to investigate the burials at this site.

Possible Demolition of 6 Church St.

There will be a design review meeting on March 17 at 8:00 AM. Marie Nieber said she will attend and will report back to the NHC.

New Funding Sources/Ideas:

- It was discussed that there could be some money available to the Historical Society from Mass Humanities. Norm would forward information to the Northborough Historical Society.
- Another possible idea was a historical related program on local TV. Marie N. offered to contact Kathy Dalglish at NCAT to see if there might be some possibilities.

NHC Website

Norm will have the Website updates with Kathy Cairns' by our April meeting.

Preservation Restriction Status

- 103 Bartlett Street – Norm was interviewed by a T & G reporter regarding this property.
- 38 Main Street – Ian Gow the owner, had the Town insert a paragraph into his zoning of appeals paperwork that restricts any exterior alteration of this building unless approved by the Town of Northborough. (This is the Town's version of a Preservation Restriction)
- 64 Main Street – The owners have accepted the same Town Preservation Restriction as was added to 38 Main St.

New Business

- Marie Nieber offered to get a Thank-You card for Russ Jones to be signed at the next meeting.
- The Monopole facility – Norm will send a letter to Arial Spectrum regarding the historic properties located near 211 Main St.
- Westborough State Hospital – There was interest in learning more about the sale and development of the Westborough State Hospital's 108-acre parcel which partially lies within Northborough.

A motion was made by Steve Anderson and seconded by Don Haitzma to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Wyman, Secretary