

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday April 18, 2012

Present: Norm Corbin, Marie Wyman, Marie Nieber, Stephen Anderson, and Stephanie Stockman

Guests: Tim Shay, Sean Durkin, David Hunt, George Pember, and Amy Jo White

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

130 Main St. Demolition Delay – Update

- Mr. Pember spoke on behalf of the Hunt family in regards to dividing the property into more than one lot. He discussed that there wasn't anyone else interested in purchasing the property, and that dividing the property would not help the sale of it.
- Norm requested that letters should be submitted to the NHC regarding the intention of the house by David Hunt, George Pember, and Tim Shay.
- Debra Comeau was not present, but she was unsuccessful on finding information regarding moving the house to another location.
- David Hunt mentioned that there was confusion at the public hearing. He thought the house would be demolished. His intentions were and are to have items in the house recorded. He does not want to stop the demolition of the structure.
- Amy White discussed the possibility of deconstructing part of the house, and placing it in storage. Amy will contact Old Sturbridge Village for more details in this process.
- Steve contacted Worcester Historical Commission regarding their experiences with demolition delays. They have not been involved in a delay. Also he emailed Wayland Historical Commission and Acton Historical Commission, but he has not heard back from them.
- Tim Shay stated that he was scheduled to close on the property in late May. The NHC discussed the possibility of the NHC voting as to whether the demolition of 130 Main St. could occur before August 6th, if there was not a feasible alternative to demolishing the structure.
- Sean Durkin will place an advertisement in the Telegram and Gazette that the 130 Main Street home is available to be moved off of 130 Main Street.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Norm Corbin and seconded by Marie Nieber to accept the minutes of March 21, 2012 with the correction of adding the words "Telegram and Gazette" to the section entitled Brigham Street Cemetery. The motion was accepted unanimously.

National Register “Opinion on Eligibility” Status

- Mary Goodenow Gravesite – Steve found information on the easement of the gravesite. The landowner maintains the property and can regulate the times of use and the noise level.
- Baptist Church – No new information
- Old Howard St. Burial Grounds – No new information

New Members:

- Amy White attended the meeting, and she talked to the NHC about her interest in becoming a member.

Officers:

- The NHC determined the officers for the next year. The officers are as follows.
- Chairman – Norm Corbin
- Vice Chair – Marie Nieber
- CPC Liaison – Debra Comeau
- Secretary – Stephanie Stockman
- Video Project Liaison - TBA

New Business

- Town Meeting – John Coderre asked Norm to read the by-law at town meeting.
- Someone may need to speak at town meeting about cemetery funding.
- Discussion on the possibility to expand the Civil War Monument to include a Revolutionary War Monument.
- Discussion on updating the NHC by-law to include a quorum.

Marie Wyman made the motion and Marie Nieber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman
NHC Committee Member