

# NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 20, 2013

Present: Norm Corbin, Marie Nieber, Stephen Anderson, Debra Comeau, Brian Smith, Amy White, and Stephanie Stockman

Guests: Bruce Chute (potential NHC member) Amanda Fallon, Peter Fallon, Dennis Fullan and Marjorie Fullan

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

### **Public Hearing – 518 Green Street**

- Review of the meeting purpose
  - Norm, Amy, and Brian walked through the property
    - The home was described as damaged and in “tough shape”.
    - There is mold and the flooring is “soft.”
    - There aren’t any original pieces of the home that are salvageable.
  - Current owners informed the NHC that there are
    - No original pieces
    - Renovated in the 50s and 60s
    - Chimney fire 5 years ago
  - Review of the material currently on file
    - NHC reviewed the information on 518 Green Street
  - Brian Smith made a motion to close public hearing at 7:21PM, and Marie Nieber seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

### **March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- **518 Green Street**
  - Norm Corbin made a motion that 518 Green Street is not historically and architecturally significantly. Brian Smith seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor and one member abstained.
  - Norm will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - A motion was made by Marie Nieber and seconded by Amy White to accept the meeting minutes of February 2013. The motion was accepted with six votes in favor and one vote abstained.
- **9 Monroe Street Demolition Delay Status**
  - Brian and Norm walked through
  - In great shape for someone to live in or to have as a professional office.
  - The NHC will continue the 180 day delay.
  - Tony Abu is ordering the sign for a free house.

- **Projects Status**
  - John Brigham Mill Sign
    - Ordered – will be delivered in 6 weeks
  - Boston Post Road Sign
    - In process
  - Rock Hill Indian Path Sign
    - Norm called, and he has not received a response.
  - Mary Goodenow Site
    - Sign Repair
      - The highway department (Mass) will replace the sign. They have the responsibility for maintaining the sign.
      - Information for the letter to MHC for an “Opinion on Nat. Hist. Reg. Eligibility” is still being gathered. The challenge is to determine who owns the memorial.
      - Debra Comeau will go to the registry of deeds to find more information as to ownership of the property.
  - Cemeteries
    - National Hist. Registration Status for Howard Street
      - Amy White met with Beth Finch McCarthy and the NHS about the history of the cemetery.
    - Gravestone Inventory - using a volunteer for Howard Street
      - David Kane (MIS Director) contacted Tom Feeney regarding this project.
    - “Master Preservation Plan” for Colonial Era section of Howard Street & Brigham Street
      - In Process
    - Brigham Street Marker Preservation and Repairs
      - In Process
- **5 Year Preservation Plan**
  - Funding Preservation Restriction
    - Stephen Anderson will contact Salem to find out if preservation comes under CPC funding.
- **Proposed CPA Funding Signage Design & Text**
  - The Commission to view later on
  - Norm gave a copy to be revised for next meeting
- **“Letters of Appreciation” to homeowners upgrading their historic properties**
  - Marie typed up letters to four properties. – Chet’s Diner, 2 Whitney St., Northern Energy Services, and Elegant Antiques.
- **New Business**
  - Open Position on the Commission
    - Bruce Chute attended the meeting to learn more about the NHC
  - Officers for the NHC
    - We will decide on officers at the April meeting.
  - Preservation Conference in Lexington Mass Oct, 2013
    - Possibility for members to attend
  - Adding Properties to the “Town Common Local Historic District”

- Brian will review the materials.
- Articles in local news (on-line & paper)
  - An on-line newspaper asked for articles on people and places in Northborough.

**Adjournment**

- Steve Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Marie Nieber to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman  
NHC Committee Member