

# NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 19, 2013

Present: Stephen Anderson, Debra Comeau, Brian Smith, Amy White, Stephanie Stockman, and Bruce Chute

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:06PM.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Amy White made a motion to approve the May 22, 2013 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Bruce Chute. It was accepted unanimously.
- Demolition Delay Status
  - 9 Monroe Street
    - The demolition delay ended on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 61-65 West Main St
    - In process.
    - We have not heard from Jim Vogel regarding the architectural design update.
- Projects Status
  - Rock Hill Indian Trail Sign
    - In process.
  - Mary Goodnow Site
    - Sign Repair
      - The sign is ready to be installed.
    - Letter to MHC for an “Opinion on Nat. Hist. Reg. Eligibility”
      - Debra has unraveled the ownership issues about the monument site. She will draft a letter to the MHC.
- Cemeteries
  - National Hist. Registration Status for Howard Street
    - In process.
  - “Master Preservation Plan” for Colonial Era Burial Sites
    - In Process.
  - Brigham Street Marker Preservation and Repairs
    - In Process.
- 5 Year Preservation Planning
  - Preservation idea - Grange building on School Street
    - Brian will contact the town to find out if there may be any interest in the town acquiring this property for town use.
  - Sign and fence for Brigham Street Cemetery
  - Markers for White Cliffs and Assabet River.
- Town meeting results on CPA funding Request
  - Signs for Assabet Park and Aqueduct Bridge
    - In process

- New Business
  - CPA Funding requests for next year
    - Preservation Restoration and resetting of stones for Howard Street and Brigham Street Cemeteries is top priority. We will need an estimate for our July meeting.
    - Signs for Brigham St. and the colonial section of Howard St. Cemetery
      - Debra will get quotes for hanging signs for July meeting.
    - Debra will find out how we access the NHC CPA general fund.
    - Funding for 250<sup>th</sup> town anniversary
      - After some discussion it was determined that the Community Affairs committee may be the logical lead organization for a 250<sup>th</sup> celebration and we should find out what their plans are first.
      - Brian will inquire at the Town Hall about the anniversary.
      - Parade float
    - Cold Harbor Bridge
      - Brian and Norm are scheduled to meet with Fred Litchfield and Dan Nason before our July meeting to discuss the use of CPA funds.
    - Master Preservation Plan for the Howard Street Cemetery for graves 1800-1900.
      - The general feeling among Commission members is that we should concentrate on the early graves for now.
    - Funding for 62 Whitney Street
      - Marie Neiber is in the process of assessing her property for historical preservation and is working directly with the CPC and other parties regarding the application for funding.
  - 2013 Applefest
    - Debra made the motion that the NHC will participate in Applefest 2013 with the tent size space. The motion was seconded by Bruce Chute, and it was accepted unanimously.
      - Debra, Steve, and Steph will coordinate the Applefest booth.
      - Brian will handle the application with Steve shown as the contact person.

### **Adjournment**

- Steve Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Bruce Chute to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman  
NHC Committee Member