

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 18, 2013

Present: Norm Corbin, Debra Comeau, Brian Smith, Amy White, Stephanie Stockman, and Bruce Chute (7:30)

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:15PM.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Norm Corbin made a motion to approve the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Amy White. It was accepted unanimously.
- Demolition Delay Status
 - 61-65 West Main St
 - No update.
- Projects Status
 - Rock Hill Indian Trail Sign
 - Fred Litchfield is communicating with the property owners about placing a historic marker.
 - Mary Goodnow Site
 - Sign Repair
 - Brian emailed Eric Nasciemento to follow-up on the placement of the sign, and he will get back to Brian with more information.
 - MHC Letter
 - Debra will follow-up on the letter of support from the property owners.
 - CPC funding
 - Three out the four presentations were accepted to the next round of the application process. The committee had additional questions about the Howard Street Cemetery National Historic Registry.
 - Norm Corbin made a motion to withdraw our CPC request for the National Historic Register application for the Howard Street Cemetery. Debra Comeau seconded. It was accepted unanimously.
 - Cemeteries
 - Howard Street Cemetery
 - A first draft for the NHR application is in process.
 - Brigham Street Marker Preservation and Repairs
 - Debra is waiting to hear from Kai.
- Signs for Assabet Park and The Aqueduct
 - Need to review the wording of the signs.

- Norm Corbin made a motion that the NHC accept a revised version of the aqueduct sign at this meeting. It was seconded by Brian Smith. It was accepted unanimously.
- Norm Corbin made a motion that the NHC accept the revised version of the sign for Assabet Park with the edits the NHC made this evening. Debra Comeau seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
- 2013 Applefest Booth
 - All materials are in order.
- 250th town anniversary
 - Brian is waiting to hear back from the Community Affairs Committee.
 - Norm suggested that it might be necessary to have a meeting with various groups in Northborough.
 - A list of possible groups in Northborough are as followed.
 - Northborough Historical Society, Community Affairs, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, School Department, Helping Hands, Recreation Department, Trails Department, Board of Selectmen, local churches.
- Historical District Commission
 - Steve is making progress
- Single House historic district
 - Brian continues to research this, and will follow-up on this.
 - Who would be on the committee?
 - 3-7 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen plus 2 members requested by the Northborough Historical Society.
 - Norm will gather the background information to create a draft of letters for a single house historic district committee. These are to be sent to The Board or Architects, to The Board of Realtors, and to the Northborough Historical Society. The final drafts will be mailed out by the NHC.
 - Brian will speak to Marie for background information.
- Historic District
 - 23 Whitney St. – There is not any work being done. The dumpster was used for cleaning out the building.
- New Business
 - Letters of appreciation
 - Brian mailed these letters.
 - Demolished House List
 - Brian sent the letter to Michael Steinitz at MHC.
- Mass Humanities Funding
 - Bruce compiled information from the website that would be relevant to the NHC.
- Massachusetts Cultural Council Committee
 - Deadline for the application October 15th.
- Video Project
 - It is still in process.
 - Norm has 1.5 minutes of a video, and will give it to Brian to preview.

- Northborough Historical Society Building – National Historic Registry Status
 - Norm sent a letter for an update.

Adjournment

- Amy White made the motion and it was seconded by Brian Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman