

# NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday October 16, 2013

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

Guest: Marie Nieber

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:00PM.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Amy White made a motion to approve the September 18, 2013 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Debra Comeau. It was accepted unanimously.
- Demolition Delay Status
  - 61-65 West Main St
    - No update.
- Projects Status
  - Rock Hill Indian Trail Sign
    - No update.
  - Mary Goodnow Site
    - Sign Repair
      - Brian received an email from Eric Nascimento, and it will be installed within the next three to four weeks.
    - MHC Letter
      - Debra will send the letter to the MHC, and she will forward the Pheasant Hill property owner support letter when it arrives.
  - Cemeteries
    - Howard Street Cemetery
      - A first draft for the NHR application is in process.
    - Brigham Street Marker Preservation and Repairs
      - Kai cleaned the gravestones, and The Metrowest Daily News wrote an article on the property.
  - 2013 Town meeting results on CPA funding request.
    - Signs for Assabet Park and The Aqueduct
      - Norm ordered these, and they should be available November 1<sup>st</sup>. Norm would like to have these placed before the ground freezes.
      - Norm would like to walk the areas to find a spot to place the signs.
    - CPA funding requests for next year

- Debra Comeau will follow-up with Dan Nason on a letter of support for the upcoming CPC requests.
  - 2013 Applefest booth wrap-up
    - It was a successful day with one major topic – cemeteries.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary
    - Norm will follow-up with the community affairs about what their plans are for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
    - Bruce discussed that we should decide which projects we would like to have complete in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Assumption of duties of the Historic District commission by the Historical Commission
    - Kathy Joubert is working on this project.
  - Single Building Historic Districts
    - Brian spoke with John Coderre, and Kathy Joubert is investigating for more information.
    - Norm will draft letters requesting Architect, Realtor and Historical Society nominees for the Board of Selectmen to review.
    - Brian will follow-up with John and Kathy once the letters are drafted.
- New Business
  - 28 Whitney St
    - They are gutting the inside of the building.
    - Norm spoke to the owner, and the owner stated that he did not plan on changing the outside of the building.
  - Norm sent a follow-up letter to the MHC regarding the Northborough Historical Society Building.
  - Norm started a blog on The Patch about Northborough's history.
  - The benches are installed at the Civil War Monument.
    - There is a tree that needs to be removed at the monument. Norm will contact Dan Nason about the removal of the tree.

### **Adjournment**

- Steve Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Amy White to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman