

# NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 16, 2014

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

Guest: Marie Nieber, Bill Ellsworth, Bob Gleeson

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

Public Hearing – RE: 12 Mill St. Demolition permit

- Mr. Ellsworth discussed that the home has been vacant for ten years.
- Norm, Amy, Debra, and Brian walked-thru the property, and they stated that there has been two fires, and there was mold present inside of the property. Also, it was stated that the architecture of the home has not been preserved.
- A review of the building history did not identify any significant historical events nor owners.
- Norm Corbin made a motion that the NHC will send a letter to the Board of Selectman that the 12 Mill Street property is not historically or architecturally significant and that the 6 month demolition delay should be waived. Amy White seconded the motion. The motion was accepted with five in favor and one opposed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Norm Corbin made a motion to accept the March 19, 2014 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Amy White, and it was accepted unanimously.
- Projects Status
  - Mary Goodnow Site
    - Letter to MHC for an “Opinion on Nat. Hist. Reg. Eligibility”
      - In Process.
    - Debra left a message with the MHC.
  - Cemeteries
    - National Hist. Registration Status for Howard Street
      - In process.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> town anniversary
    - Joanne Sharp is the chairperson, Virginia George is the vice chairperson, Jack Sharp is the treasurer, and Norm Corbin is the Secretary.
    - January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 will be the ball, and the anniversary celebration will be in the summer of 2016.
  - Historic House Plaques
    - Steve contacted various towns, and most of the towns do not subsidize the plaques for homeowners.

- One commonality between towns was that each town uses a specific plaque style for all homes.
- Town Meeting Warrant Articles
  - No new information
- The White Cliffs
  - In process
  - Brian went to the CPC to discuss it. The CPC asked Brian to find out more information from the owners.
- CPA Ideas for next year
  - At the May meeting we should have a final draft for CPA ideas.
  - Due date is in August
- Baptist Church NHR follow-up
  - Norm contacted Mike Steinitz at the MCH to check on the status of this property.
    - Norm is waiting for a response.
- New Business

**Adjournment**

- Stephen Anderson made the motion to adjourn and to wish Brian a speedy recovery, and it was seconded by Norm Corbin to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman