

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Monthly Meeting
Wednesday July 16, 2014

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

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Guest: Marie Nieber

Monthly Meeting

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Amy White made a motion to accept the June 18, 2014 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Norm Corbin. The motion was accepted by four and two abstained.
- Review of CPA Funding requests (due noon, July 31)
 - Norm wrote the application for White Cliffs
 - Debra will edit the application.
 - Steve wrote the application for three CPA signs
 - Norm will edit and submit for \$10k
 - Debra will write the application for the GPR for Brigham Street Cemetery
 - Debra will email the application to the committee for edits.
 - Norm wrote the application for the Historical Preservation Reserve Fund
 - Expected expensive (>\$100k) projects in the near term are:
 - Cold Harbor Culvert Stone Walls
 - Aqueduct Preservation/Repairs
 - White Cliffs Preservation Restriction
 - Preserve and set the stones at Old Howard Street for Section B
- Planning for Applefest
 - It is the weekend of September 19- 21
 - Debra Comeau made a motion that the NHC will participate in Applefest with the focus on the town cemeteries. It was accepted unanimously.
 - Norm will submit the paperwork for Applefest.
- Project Status
 - National Historic Register
 - Mary Goodenow
 - Debra received a phone call that the Mary Goodnow site received approval from the MHC to move forward to apply to the National Historic Registry.
 - Howard Street Cemetery
 - Amy and Steph will walk the cemetery to review boundaries, sections, and other questions
- Historic House Plaques

- Steve will contact Kathy to discuss with her the program we are proposing.
- Historic Plaques funded by Mr. Robert Trimble
 - He will need a permit to put up his sign.
 - Norm will send Mr. Trimble a letter in formalizing his sign requests.
 - Norm will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen making them aware of Mr. Trimble's intents.
- 250th Celebration
 - The committee is not meeting during the summer.
- New Cemetery Signs (CPA funded)
 - Debra will send the bidding requests out.
 - Debra will email a copy of the signs' designs.
- Colonial Headstones Preservation (CPA funded)
 - Cemetery Commission is interested in this project.
 - It might be possible to get 50:50 funding from the state for funding of this project. However a Preservation Restriction would be required.
 - Norm is researching to find out the process for this.
- Street Names Reviewed by the Historic Commission
- Debra left a message reminding the town that the NHC should review street names. She is waiting for a response. Charter TV Historical Segments
 - Norm contacted Beth Finch McCarthy about doing historical segments. He is waiting to hear back from Beth.
- Newspaper article on Route 20 becoming an historic road
 - In process
- White Cliffs Preservation Update
 - Norm submitted a letter with photos, and the MHC requested additional photos. Norm submitted more photos, and he is waiting to hear back from the NHC. Norm cc'd the Northborough Senators and Representatives.
 - Senator Chandler called Norm to tell him she received the letter, and she wanted an update on the property.
- Video Project
 - In process
- The Historic District Commission
 - Marie Nieber updated the NHC on Peter Whitney Parsonage
 - Need to update the Registry of Deeds.
 - Marie will notify the MHC to update the status of her home.
- NHC officers
 - Norm Corbin made a motion to make Bruce Chute the acting vice chair, and it was seconded by Steve Anderson, and it was accepted unanimously.
- New Business
 - 1774 book club at the library
 - August 12th is the meeting, if anyone is interested.
- The Historical Commission will not meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is September 17th.

Adjournment

- Steve Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Amy White to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman