

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Monthly Meeting Wednesday April 15, 2015

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

Guests: Ian Gau

Public Hearing for the Demolition at 1 Lyman Street called to order at 7:05PM

- Brian and Norm walked the property. The building had been inventoried, and the building inspector sent information regarding the property.
- Norm passed out information regarding the property
- Ian is the owner of the property – zoned industrial
 - Would like to put up a mini-storage building there.
 - 32000 square feet (2 story), climate controlled and a rectangular building
 - In front, will be the single story garage units.
 - Ian discussed the possibility to find people to salvage parts of the barn and the house.
- Amy White made a motion that we will re-review 1 Lyman Street at the August 19th meeting. It was seconded by Norm Corbin. There was member that abstained from voting, and five members that agreed.
- Bruce Chute made a motion to end the public hearing. It was seconded by Norm Corbin, and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- Norm will write a letter to The Board of Selectmen to say that the NHC will re-review 1 Lyman St at the August meeting.

Chairman called the monthly meeting to order at 7:30.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Steve Anderson made a motion to accept the March 18th meeting minutes. It was seconded by Amy White. The motion was accepted unanimously.
- Information for Town Meeting
 - Combining Commissions (Article 51)
 - CPA Fund Requests (Article 53)
 - Ground Penetrating Radar (Article 52)
- Projects Status
 - Colonial Headstones Preservation
 - Possible MPPF 50:50 funding
 - To approach the state to pay 50% to repair and clean the gravestones at The Howard Street Cemetery.
 - The deadline is May 15th.

- White Cliffs Update
 - Consultant would like to do a marketing analysis of the property. What can be done to the property?
 - Norm provided the consultant with all the information that the NHC has on White Cliffs.
 - To receive CPA funding there needs to be a preservation restriction on the property.
- Town's 250th Celebration
 - In Process
 - Meeting every two weeks
 - 5K run
 - Golf tournament
 - Linking with Applefest
- Historic House Plaque Program
 - Stephanie will send out the letters.
- Sign for 130 Main St (Hunt Shoe Mfg.)
 - Norm will send the sign wording to Tim Shea.
- Town Common Proposal
 - A landscape design was done to see the possibilities.
 - Possible war memorial
 - 2 lots are available for sale
 - They need someone to appraise the value of the lots.
- Mary Goodnow National Register update
 - MHC has approved it to the state register.
- New Business
 - Steve Anderson made a motion to thank Brian Smith for his service. Norm Corbin seconded the motion, and it was accepted unanimously.
 - Adjournment
 - Amy White made a motion and it was seconded by Bruce Chute to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM. It was accepted unanimously.