

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday June 21, 2017

Present: Bruce Chute, Norm Corbin, Amy White, Leslie Harrison, Stephanie Stockman, Alexandra Molnar, Zenya Molnar, Brian Smith (Alternate)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00.

- **Approval of previous meeting minutes:**
 - The Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2017 were amended to correct that Zenya is a full member and no longer an alternate.
 - The motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Leslie and seconded by Amy. It passed unanimously.
- **First Parish Status:**
 - As required by the Preservation Restriction, an NHDC member (Norm Corbin) reviewed the work on the Steeple along with John Campbell (Chair of the CPC committee) and Gordon Hart (a representative of the Unitarian Church).
 - The steeple work is complete and includes restoration of the clocks and weather vane, exterior painting and installing louvers to keep rain out of the belfry. The plastic pools used to collect water from leaks have been removed. Leaking has stopped.
 - They are still working on the design for an improved handicap entrance. This effort is also part of their requested CPA funds.
 - There is still some interest regarding renovation/replacement of the windows. John has asked Norm to revisit the requirements.
- **Brigham St. cemetery GPR:**
 - The draft Request for Proposal is being reviewed in Town Hall.
 - Our contact for this will be Scott Charpentier the DPW Director who is also responsible for the cemeteries.
- **Colonial Headstones Preservation:**
 - Norm was notified that Scott Charpentier will work with us on preparing an RFQ for this project.
 - Norm forwarded some general information on gravestone restoration requirements to Scott.
- **Historic Signs Update:**
 - Cemetery Signs – Still waiting for a quote to correct the date on the Howard Street Cemetery sign
 - Assabetville – MASS-DoT requested we change the proposed location on the bridge to a different location. Brian and Norm found another location nearby and forwarded the information to Fred Litchfield (Town Engineer) who will contact Mass-DoT for comment.
 - Woodside – E-mailed Kathy Joubert (Town Planner) about placing this sign on private property. Waiting for her response. Amy mentioned that if we can place at the Condominium entrance she would be willing to speak with them.
 - Chapinville – Location has been decided on
 - Mark Fidrych – A mockup of the sign was prepared by the vendor. Copies were sent to Ann Pantazis (his widow), Bob Tremble's daughter (who will pay for ½ the sign) and the people responsible for the Memorial Field baseball diamonds (Allie Lane & Paul Cacciatore). Waiting for their input. The price is \$2,654.40 of which the Trimble family will pay ½.

- 1st Meeting House – Much discussion about the wording. Zenya will work on a new draft. Amy will contact the Historical Society to look for a better image of the 1808 Unitarian Church. The price is \$2654.40.

- **White Cliffs Update:**
 - Nothing to report

- **New Business:**
 - Summer Volunteer – Jen Grenowski has contacted the NHDC and is interested in doing some volunteer work this summer. She is a college student majoring in sociology and anthropology with the goal to work as an archaeologist when she graduates. Several small projects were identified for her to work on including:
 - Finding the original text that was written on Rev. Peter Whitney’s gravestone
 - Finding a copy of the map at the colonial burial ground that lists all the graves
 - Draft wording for historic markers to be placed at:
 - The Gale General Store
 - Four remaining old school houses
 - 110 Howard Street
 - Amy will check with the Historical Society to see if they have any information regarding its use as a tuberculosis facility.

- **Next Meeting:**
 - The date for the next meeting was changed to Wednesday August 9th

- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Normand Corbin, Secretary