

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2019

Present: Norm Corbin, Amy White, Stephanie Stockman, Alexandra Molnar, Leslie Harrison, and Zenya Molnar

Guests: Millie Milton

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

- **Previous Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made by Amy White and seconded by Alexandra Molnar to accept the meeting minutes of March 20, 2019. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

Master Plan Steering Committee Update

- No new updates

White Cliffs Committee Update

- On April 2nd there was a meeting with the architects for White Cliffs.
- They discussed separating the additions from the mansion.
- The mansion is in good shape.
 - They would like to keep the moisture out of the mansion, and it needs a new roof.
 - The town will put it out for bid soon.
- Security cameras were placed on the building.
- The stained glass is being evaluated.

Letters of Preservation to Antique Home Owners

- Norm came up with 26 homes.
- Leslie invited Norm to an Open Space meeting to discuss preservation of 302 Church Street.
- 114 Hudson Street will be on the market this spring.

Letter of Appreciation

- In Process.

Historic Preservation Plan

- We will work on this in the fall.
- Norm has a list for the next five years.

EBI Consulting Letter (Unitarian Church Cell Tower)

- Norm sent a letter informing them that it was in a historic district.
- They need to tell us if they make any changes to the outside, because CPC funds were used to pay for the previous leaks.

Cemetery Interpretive Signs

- Brigham Street
 - Ideas for the interpretive sign, includes a photo of a gravestone, map, a list of burials, and a paragraph of the history of the cemetery.
 - We would like to invite Beth Finch McCarthy to an upcoming meeting.

- Other ideas for the sign include information on GPR, the horse block (the large stone to assist in getting on a horse or into a carriage), the carriage trail, the amount of land (2 acres), and the houses the people lived in.

New Business

- 130 South Street Antique
 - There was an inquiry made by a realtor as to what parts of the property are protected.
 - Realtor was inquiring about demolition delay

Town of Shrewsbury Demolition Delay

- Norm has been contacted by Shrewsbury, asking about Northborough's demolition delay.

Preservation Massachusetts Membership

- This is a great resource for the NHDC, and Norm would like to the commission to purchase a membership for \$50.00.
- Norm will find out more information for the next meeting.

NHDC Open Position

- Stephanie Stockman will be resigning as of the May meeting.

NHDC officers for 2019-2020

- Brian and Michael will be full members.
- Alexandra made a motion to nominate Zenya for secretary, and Amy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Leslie made a motion to nominate Norm to be the Chair of the NHDC, and Amy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Norm made a motion to nominate Leslie to be the Vice Chair of the NHDC, and Amy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mail

- No new mail

Other

- Applefest
 - Will we participate?
 - We will need to discuss a theme.
- Norm would like to thank Amy for seven years of service, and for being the liaison to the historical society, for helping us stay organized with our files, and for always being an active participant.

Next Meeting

- May 15, 2019

Adjournment

Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, and this was seconded by Alexandra. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman