

# NORTHBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2018

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

**Guests:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

- **Previous Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Bruce to accept the meeting minutes of September 12, 2018. It passed unanimously.

### AGENDA

#### **Old Business**

- CPA Project Submissions status
  - Interpretative signs for the cemeteries will be approximately \$8,000.
    - Alexandra will find out the price for the size that we need.
    - Amy contacted Assabet Vocational School.
      - Assabet needs a design and material type before we meet with them.
    - Scott Charpentier has found a source that can create the map and then we would have to find someone to build the case.
- Applefest Results
  - Fidrych sign was popular.
  - Some people did not know the signs were up around town.
- Howard Street Cemetery (Historic District Expansion)
  - Stephanie will send an outline to Norm for the next steps.
- Colonial Headstones Preservation Project
  - No update
- Master Plan Steering Committee
  - Public Meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - There were much less people at this meeting.
      - Vision Statement and initial goals were discussed
- Provide our input for the Master Plan Goal: “Coordinate efforts between cultural, historical, and environmental organizations”
  - connect with the historical society
  - link up with schools and library
  - link up with the trails
  - resource to the cultural council
  - local university - ex. Salve Regina
  - Worcester Antiquarian Society

- Local businesses and religious organizations that are in historic buildings (C'est La Vie, Armenos, Unitarian Church)
- Connect with Tower Hill Botanical Gardens
- Collaborate with Housing Authority
- Local historic professionals
- White Cliffs Committee Update
  - Four companies were recently interviewed.
    - It was narrowed down to two companies. Reference checks are in process. The next step will be negotiating pricing.
    - This initial effort is:
      - To secure the building from the weather
      - Conduct existing conditions survey
      - Review preservation protection options
      - Consider future use options
- Meeting House Historic Sign Status
  - It has been placed.
  - Zenya and Alexandra will write an article for the Meeting House sign.
- Temporary Signs Restrictions for Historic District Properties
  - Leslie made a motion that we leave the temporary signage for the historic district as is, and Amy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Letters of Appreciation
  - Steph will find the address for the homes on Winn Street and Park Street.
  - 70 Main St letter will be sent – Steph to find the name of the home owner.
- Additional Alternate Members
  - Alexandra has asked a few contacts.

### **New Business**

- Expenses authorizations
  - Amy - photographs of historic signs \$53.47
  - Norm – foam boards -\$21.87
  - Ad for county register for 156 Pleasant St- \$40.00
  - Postage for Endangered Historic Resources - \$24.70
- Zenya made a motion to accept the above mentioned expenses, and Amy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
  - Historic-for-sale \$70.00 for advertising for 156 Pleasant St.
  - Oldhouses.com for advertising for 156 Pleasant St for \$50.00.
- Zenya made a motion to pay \$120.00 for advertising for 156 Pleasant Street including oldhouses.com and historic-for-sale, and this was seconded by Amy. It passed unanimously
- 130 South St
  - Information requested about the property
- Unitarian Church
  - There was a question from the church as to their archives. Where should they store them?
- George and Colleen Spencer

- They are descendants of John R. Miller and are interested in gravestone restoration on their family stones.
- White Cliffs
  - Recently the tree branches have been trimmed. DPW is aware of this.
- Historical society
  - They have three old grave markers that may be put back in place.
- Preservation Training emails from Norm
  - If there is a fee, the budget could pay for training.
- Next Meeting
  - December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Adjournment

- Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. This was seconded by Amy. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman  
Secretary