

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013**

7:00 Historical Commission – Sergeant Samuel Stetson House - Selectmen’s Office

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, David DeCoste and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau.

Present were Wendy Bawabe, Trish Shepherd and Bob Norris from the Historical Commission. The following was discussed:

- The Historical Commission (HC) did not support the placement of the Sgt. Samuel Stetson House (SSSH) behind the storage shed as shown in Merrill’s design.
- The HC felt it should be used as the Cemetery Office.
- A Cemetery Office, whether new or utilizing the SSSH, would call for a foundation, septic, water, site prep, tree removal, electrical, bathrooms, and landscaping. The question was raised why you would you bond it, when it would make financial sense to use CPC funds, Historical Commission funds and/or grants.
- Trish Shepherd explained the pros of using the House for the Cemetery Committee: office space, rooms for grieving families, and ability to make it handicapped accessible.
- Cost to move SSSH to its current location was \$25,000
- Cost to move SSSH to the Cemetery location would depend on obstacles in the way of the move and road width. Cost is approximately \$25,000 with a clean move and the foundation not included; with those it is estimated to be upwards of \$100,000.
- \$51,720 was quoted for the cost of dismantling, storing and purchasing a 50’ trailer for permanent storage of the House. Gregg McBride said he was not in favor of buying a trailer for permanent storage, but preferred a final settlement on its use.
- Wendy Bawabe presented a previous cost estimate from a contractor for rehabbing the interior, exterior, foundation and a small kitchen, and had added 30%, producing an estimated total cost of \$219,750.
- Bob Norris shared ideas such as having a care taker or night security person reside on the SSSH’s top floor, which could be made into an apartment.
- Jim stated that the CPC wanted this house settled and “off the CPC books.”

The Board then moved to the Osborn Room for the rest of its meeting.



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