

MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

December 18, 2012

In attendance were Chairman Jonathan Meagher , Cathy Taylor , Howard Glassman,Russell Wood, George Patterson and Maureen Byrne, Kelly McElreath, Steven Rakitin and Wendall Kaslow .

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes of the 11/18 /2012 meetings were edited and approved.

Treasurer's Report - The General Account = \$ 985. The gift account = \$4,054.65 (\$ 2, 554. not earmarked for landscaping).

Town Hall Renovation Update - Members of Town Hall Renovation Committee Kelly McElreath (Chair), Steven Rakitin and Wendall Kalsow, Architect with McGinley Kaslow and Associates updated the UHC on the project . They presented a letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) regarding their approval of the project. The MHC holds a perpetual Preservation Restriction Agreement on Upton Town Hall.

Kelly, Wendall and Steven explained how the CPA funds worked with the bonds necessary to finance the project . Wendall answered questions from the members of the UHC on the details of the renovation. Russell Wood made a motion for a letter of support for this project, the motion was seconded by George Patterson and the vote was unanimous. Jonathan Meagher offered to write the letter.

ANNUAL REPORT – Jonathan Meagher offered to write the annual report. The UHC discussed some of the accomplishments and challenges of 2012

Ethics Training - Members of the UHC must complete Ethics Training .

Chairman Jonathan Meagher will send the links so member may comply.

Heritage Park Fence – George received a bid for the 600 ft of fencing from Ed Barry in Upton. The bid was for \$ 6,960. This was lower than the previous proposal submitted by Miller Fence.

Website – Howard will post photos used for the brochure and the UHC will decide on other photos to be used on the site.

Heritage Park Maintenance - Cathy discussed the mowing of the Park with DPW Jeff Thompson . Jeff said he didn't have enough resources in his budget to mow. He explained he needed a brush hog to mow the pastures.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45