

**Northborough Historic District Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2019**

**Present:** Zenya Molnar, Norm Corbin, Mike Duchesneau, Brian Smith, Millie Milton, Bruce Chute

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Brian made motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 19, 2019 with no edits. Mike seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Applefest:

- Booth is on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Bruce is on shift from 10-12pm, Mike from 12-2pm, and Norm from 2-4pm.
- NHDC will showcase Howard Street Burial Ground restoration before and after and poster of historic homes around town.

Budget:

- Expenses:
  - o \$8.78 for Applefest photos
  - o \$6.75 copies of letters for older homes
  - o \$50 membership to Preservation Massachusetts
  - o \$195 Historic Preservation Conference (3 attendees at \$65 each)
- Bruce made a motion to accept the expenses; Brian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic Bronze Markers:

- Cyrus Gale General Store:
  - o Edited sign copy.
  - o Bruce made a motion to accept the sign copy. Zenya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - o Will decide where to place once Norm meets with property owner.
- Cold Harbor Brook Bridge:
  - o Made edits to sign copy. Norm will order sign.
- Old Native American Path
  - o Edited sign copy. Zenya to make final edits and send to Norm so Norm can send to sign company before next meeting.

Preservation:

- 302 Church Street: Mrs. Maney still to read information that Norm had sent regarding historic preservation.

Letters to Antique Home Owners about Preservation:

- Norm sent about 20 letters to older homes and received three responses from owners who would like to learn more.

Cemetery Interpretive Sign: No update.

Master Plan Steering Committee:

- Next meeting is September 19, 2019 to finalize plans.

White Cliffs Committee Update:

- Second set of bids were received, and the amounts exceed the town's budget for the project.

CPC: No report.

CPA funding:

- Requests are due in November.
- Norm proposed possibility of seeking funds to put Howard Street Cemetery on National Register. Incentive to put on National Register: site will automatically be on state register, which means that the state will provide 50/50 matching funding.
- Scott Charpentier had mentioned a drawback to putting cemetery in historic district is that NHDC would have to approve any changes (i.e. anyone who wants to put up a grave stone), which committee doesn't want to do.

Northgate Development: No report.

Route 20 Historic Highway Signage: No report.

Letters of Appreciation: On hold.

Articles on Meeting House and gravestone restoration:

- Zenya to check with Alex on progress to see if editor approved article ideas.

New member:

- Mille is officially an alternate member.

Memberships:

- NHDC is now members of the following (both annual):
  - o Preservation Massachusetts
  - o Northborough Historical Society

## **New Business**

Massachusetts History Conference, Holy Cross Worcester, June 24, 2019:

- Norm attended.

Mass Historic Preservation Conference, Plymouth MA, September 20, 2019:

- Zenya, Alex, and Norm are attending.

Next meeting date: October 16, 2019.

**Adjournment**

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Bruce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zenya Molnar  
Secretary