

Northborough Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2019

Present: Zenya Molnar, Norm Corbin, Brian Smith, Mike Duchesneau, Alexandra Molnar, Brian Swanson

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Zenya made motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2019 with edits. Brian Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Interpretive sign in Brigham Street Cemetery:

- NHDC to consider what should be put on the sign—text, maps, GPR data, images, names of potential buried people, etc.

Brass Historic Markers: All three locations for the signs have been identified. Norm has contacted MWRA to notify about Old Indian trail sign since they own the land on which the sign would be located.

CPA Funding Requests:

- 52 cases of CPA money for national registration nominations; 11 cases specific to cemeteries.
- Norm will create timeline of events to help re-start nomination process.
- Civil War Monument: three estimates received. Norm proposed to not seek CPA funding because we need better information regarding cost. We may look for local funding instead once we have better price information. SHRAP funding is also potential for funds as it is focused on veteran-specific restoration.

NHDC representation on town committees update:

- Master Plan Committee Meeting: DONE. The last meeting that was open to the public is available on video on the Town website.
- White Cliffs committee: Next meeting is January 8, 2020 at 3:00pm.
- CPC: NHDC recommends the following priority for funding:
 - o Priority #1: \$225,000 to White Cliffs to pay off bond.
 - o Priority #2: \$71,000 for repairs in old section of library.
 - o Priority #3: \$8,000 for NHDC National Register.
 - o White Cliffs Committee may ask for additional funding.

Letters of Appreciation: No update.

Meeting with local historic districts and historical commissions: No update.

Newspaper articles: Alex will write article on Meeting House marker.

Northgate Development: Juliane is talking with people who live in the neighborhood.

Route 20 Historic Highway Signage: NHDC is now a member of the organization (\$50).

New Business

2020 Town Meeting warrants:

- Due by February 3, 2020.
- Proposal to create a White Cliffs local historic district is complete and may be submitted for Town Meeting vote. The White Cliffs Committee will need to vote on whether they want to submit the proposal. White Cliffs architect recommended to revise bylaw on Historic District regarding making substantial changes to exterior so it matches the way it looked in 1886. Zenya made a motion to recommend making White Cliffs a local historic district. Alex seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- A building in a historic district cannot be torn down.

Next meeting date: January 15, 2020.

Adjournment

Alex made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Mike seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zenya Molnar
Secretary