

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2018

Present: Norm Corbin, Amy White, Stephanie Stockman, Leslie Harrison, Brian Smith (Alternate)

Guests: Julianne Hirsh (Selectwoman)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

AGENDA

- Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Leslie to accept the meeting minutes of July 18, 2018. It passed unanimously.
- CPA Project Submissions are due.
 - Two Interpretive Signs at Old Burial Grounds
 - Alex researched estimates for the interpretive sign. Each sign will be approximately \$4,000.
 - Amy made a motion to approve \$8,000 for the interpretive signs at the old burial grounds as part of the CPA request. Stephanie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Beth Finch McCarthy emailed Norm information about the cemeteries to be included in the application.
- Two Historic Markers; Gale Store and Cold Harbor Brook/Bridge
 - Amy made a motion to approve \$6,000 for the Cyrus Gale and Cold Harbor Bridge markers as part of the CPA request. Leslie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Amy and Steph drafted verbiage for the markers that will be included in the application.
- Applefest Booth Planning
 - Norm purchased the new booth sign for \$13.00.
- Howard Street Cemetery (Historic District Expansion)
 - Steph updated the process of expanding the district.
 - Norm will contact Chris Skelly with questions.
- Colonial Headstones Preservation Project
 - The town hired a person to oversee the project to make sure the work is being done correctly.
 - Norm inquired about the possible location of the mass burial.
 - The Community Advocate article will be published next week.
- Master Plan Steering Committee Update
 - The next public meeting is October 4th.

- At the September NHDC meeting we will need to discuss the NHDC's role in the master plan.
- White Cliffs Reuse Committee Update
 - There were 15 responses to the request for qualifications.
- Meeting House Historic Sign Status
 - The sign is ready to be picked up.
- Temporary Signs installed on Historic District Properties
 - No update
- Letters of Appreciation
 - Alex prepared a letter for the Bartlett St house.
 - Three other properties that may have letters sent to them are 70 Main St., Yellick Farms, and Armeno Coffee.
- Additional Alternate Members
 - No update
- New Business
 - 156 Pleasant Street:
 - The request of demolition went in yesterday. The 180 day demolition delay has started.
 - The endangered list for Preservation Massachusetts is due a week from today. They will help market this property to buyers interested in historic properties.
 - The application has been filled out.
 - There is still a need for letters of support from people within the community.
 - Amy made a motion that the NHDC will submit a nomination for 156 Pleasant St to be on Preservation Massachusetts endangered historic resources list. Stephanie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Next Meeting Topic - Master Plan Historic Preservation Ideas

ADJOURNMENT

- Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Stephanie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Stockman
Secretary