

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting held via Video Conference

Present: Mike Duchesneau, Leslie Harrison, Brian Smith, Brian Swanson, Millie Milton, Julianne Hirsch, Norm Corbin, Bruce Chute

Chairman called the monthly meeting to order at 7:04

- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - Leslie moved to accept the minutes of July 15, seconded by Brian Smith. The motion was approved unanimously
- Old Business
 - Cemetery Interpretive Signs
 - Working on verbiage for Brigham St. interpretive sign
 - Sent to Beth Finch McCarthy to check the edits, received response with some comments
 - List of definite/probable burials + photo
 - Next step is getting quotes from DPW
 - 2 options for quoting
 - Rte. 20 Historic Highway Signage, Newspaper Article
 - Article published last week
 - Native American Trail Signage
 - Sign installed at aqueduct near Cedar Hill Rd.
 - CPA request,
 - National Register for Howard Street Burial Ground & Cemetery
 - Approved by CPA, looking for DPW ~~guidanceto complete 6-8~~ weeks
 - Historic Preservation Plan
 - Looking for additional ideas for preservation plan
 - Refresh on individual homes and buildings that are not near downtown or meeting house district
 - Reminder, Mary Goodnow grave was is approved several years ago to apply to national historic register
- New Business
 - 35 Whitney St. National Register Nomination
 - Hired contractor to do the nomination documentation~~application to Mass Historic Comm.~~
 - 137 East Main Street antique new owner
 - New owner is preservationist
 - 114 Hudson Street antique new owner
 - New owner loves the interior
 - Other

- Leslie is looking for a Historic District Commission team for the Rotary Club Trivia night fund raiser
- Historical Society
 - Board of Directors of Historical Society decided to apply to CPC to restore their building
 - Requesting letter of support
 - Must define difference between maintenance and preservation
- The Grange
 - Owners cleaning out and starting to make apartments
 - Not sure if work will continue or sell
- No response to Michael's email to the Mass Archeological re archeological features in Northborough
- Nomination of Gale Store
 - Winner of 2020 award Preservation Mass
 - Norm will forward more info when he gets it
- Tougas identified as 6th best farm in the country in USA Today
- Open meeting law – Norm will send notes
- White Cliffs
 - Roof done, contractor hired to frame stained glass, chimney repairs being evaluated, meeting on 9/27 to discuss more reuse options, dormer on roof is being repaired
 - Looking at how to separate addition from historic part of building
- Mail
 - No mail
- Next Meeting Date: Oct 21

Adjournment

- Millie moved to adjourn, Leslie seconded, all in favor