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Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday December 13, 2017
4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Jay McCronon, Peg Corbosiero, Yvonne Harrington

Members Absent: Mary Harrington, David Plummer, Lois Abare

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order: 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11-8-2017 Regular Meeting Y. Harrington/Bohan 3-0

Approved @ 6:11 pm. Ms. Sroczynski to notate first initial of Harrington making motion.

Public Comment: None were heard

Member Comments: Ms. Y. Harrington is interested in making the community more aware of the Old Center Cemetery. She would like there to be a handout of grave sites as there are some interesting people buried there. Mr. Bohan noted the Town Clerk does have list of grave information. Ms. Y. Harrington is also interested in putting an article in the paper to inform the public, and possibly having a CD made so self tours could be a possibility for the Town. Ms. Corbosiero is very interested in the idea and offered any support from the Historical Society. She would also like to promote the Society's gift shop.

Mr. Bohan showed Commission members a picture of an antique Victrola he purchased in Northern New Hampshire over the weekend. He would like to present it to the Historical Society as a gift for Christmas. It is a fully functioning and beautiful piece. It also came with a collection of records and replacement needles. He also asked members for a \$25.00 donation to help with the cost. Members were eager to contribute.

Mr. Bohan also received notification from Mass Historic that the 50% grant match program is now accepting applications. Mr. Bohan will be working on securing a Robinson-Broadhurst grant with the hoops of Mass Historic matching any grant awards. Mass Historic also sent out the Preservation Awards nomination paperwork. This is for work that was either started or

completed in 2017. The deadline for nominations is February 19, 2018. The Commission members are encouraged to make any nominations they wish to.

Mr. Bohan also attended The Mass Historic Preservation Conference at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Campus. He relayed it was a fantastic meeting in every regard.

Mr. Bohan and Mr. Plummer attended a second meeting today with the Army Corps of Engineers Archaeologist, Department of Conservation and Recreation Archaeologist, and representatives from the Naragansett and Womponog Tribes. It was a very productive meeting and the Birch Hill Dam Project will be moving forward. The Archaeologists will be on the ground in January to explore sensitive material that is on site. They are also looking to restore the natural habitat on nearly 500 acres of Federal land, and bring it back to the way it was nearly 400 years ago. The tribes will have proposal no later than January 31, 2018. The Birch Hill Dam project will only bolster Mr. Plummer's additional project on 19th Hill. That land has been disturbed however. There is 4200 acres at Birch Hill Dam and 4400 acres that Mass Wildlife owns. Mr. Bohan would like project notifications.

Ms. Sroczynski updated the Commission on the signage for Old Center. She relayed information that the DPW will paint a stop line in front of stop sign for higher visibility, and that the police department had placed signs where they wanted. She also informed the Commission that speed limit signs need to be requested through the DPW. She will bring forms to next meeting. She also let members know that DPW Director is fine with new trees being planted at the intersection of Hall and Teel Roads. Mr. Bohan will check with National Grid regarding the removal of the meter in Old Center.

Ms. Corbosiero informed the Commission she will be absent from the January and February meetings.

Historic Commission Policies: Item will be tabled until spring.

Other Business: Tracy Murphy to be on agenda for January.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2018 at 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Corbosiero/McCronon 4-0 Approved 6:55pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:





