

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024

Regular meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission began at **7:03** p.m.

Members present: Channing Howard, Jan Forrest, Rebecca Fuller and Lon Hachmeister

Members absent: Eva Jackman, Rich Morin

Guest(s): 286 High Rd (Ferry House) Owners, Ron Haska; Shelly Abrino; Architect, Mathew Cumming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum of members present at that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lon – Fire extinguisher purchased \$105.00 Channing brought it to the meeting for Lon to install as it needs to be visible. The balance left of funds: \$795.00. Accounting and Lon's numbers now match.

WEBSITE REPORT: Rebecca is still waiting to meet with the new IT director to get the updated 1635 website launched! She added the information received from Rich pictures, etc. on his report on Indigenous people. This information will be on the newly revised 1635 website. There was a brief discussion on the best way to display the available information that Jack Rybicki (called Jack's Corner)? has given to her and for future information. A Facebook page was brought up, but not sure if we want to go that route. Channing gave Lon a postcard of the Snuff Mill to scan for the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from: State: via Skillburst re: Conflict of Interest and Ethics; IT re: cybersecurity alerts; Parker Burns – Historical Preservation also sent to NDNews; Chris Newbury, Town flag inquiry; DPW: checking on Schoolhouse eligibility for grant, question if on the State Register; Inspection services, had a question on a tree; family inquiry from Carla Gade; PermitLink email – system problems. MHC MPFF Virtual workshops, etc. Inspectional services, email re: Ferry House meeting; Ferry House Architectural firm re: presentation of proposed changes and attending HC meeting; Town message: Flag policy

Email to: Rosemary Costello re: DDB info we have dealt with in the past. Jan sent a reply.

Paper Mail: Information on the Carlotta from Leslie Haley (copies were made for each HC member)

Phone Call(s): none

NOTES ON CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All members need to do the Conflict of Interest for the state.
2. E-mail from Parker Burns – forward to Lon for LGHDC
3. New Town Flag policy was read to members.
4. Annual report information sent to Tracy.
5. Inspectional Services: Ferry house High Rd. – discussion of property, question of the address #, etc. Ferry house meeting at Town Hall – Rich will attend the meeting on the 18th.
6. 1 Hanover St. is not on the corner. It is the 2d house in with the moon gate. Brief description of the house work to be done.

GUESTS: Ferry House, High Rd. Architectural firm presentation, etc.

The owner(s) and architect presented the plans for the changes to be made to the house, barn, and outbuildings. There is a preservation restriction on the property held by SPNEA. We received a copy of the plans/drawings and asked questions as the presented themselves during their presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATES

1. Channing is still working through information for Roof materials and vendors.
2. Rich will get info from Channing on Fire Extinguisher for the Schoolhouse. Brief discussion regarding getting out of the building vs. trying to save it and risk injury.
3. MACRIS updates – look at previously handed out information on houses not on MACRIS, but on lists of houses created by year built. Jan asked for everyone to review, so we can narrow down the most significant.
4. Lon should purchase a new box for outside materials and he volunteered to fix the wooden electric box. We need updates when Lon is at the next meeting.
5. National Parks Service updated Substitution Materials from the Dept. of Interior.

DISCUSSION

1. Ferry house –discussion on demo permit and DDB review info and steps to be take

LHDSC (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE) – UPDATES FROM LON

None

DDB DISCUSSION – Part of the review of the Ferry house. We will need to review the process at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **March 14, 2024**

This meeting was adjourned at **8:40 p.m.**

Janice M. Forrest 03/14/2024 _____

Janice Forrest Date of approval: