

**MINUTES:** Norwell Historical Commission, Monday, March 1, 2021 (Remote Meeting)

**PRESENT:** David DeGhetto, Chairman, Jim Kelliher, Nancy McBride, Bob Norris, Alan Prout, Anne Greene, Janet Watson

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**ALSO PRESENT:** Barbara Mello, Ted Nichols

(Note: there were two people who logged onto the Zoom meeting but would not identify themselves after several request. Commission members agreed to terminate their participation due to a recent trend of so called "bombing," people joining remote meetings to disrupt them.)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:06. There were no citizen comments. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda as amended. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from last month as corrected.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The following bills were submitted to members for approval:

<b>Name of Vendor:</b>	<b>Item/ Activity Description/ Volume:</b>	<b>Date of Invoice:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Account Number:</b>
1. National Grid	Electric Service – Jacobs' Farmhouse Acct #: 51107-17064	Jan. 6 – Feb 5, 2021	\$46.35	81-000-7065-5780
2. Verizon	Verizon – Jacobs' Farm House Acct #: 356-445-719-0001-24	Feb. 6, 2021	\$377.01	81-000-7065-5780
3. Albert Culver	Heating Oil – Jacobs' Farm House	Jan. 25, 2021	\$262.65	81-000-7065-5780
4. Albert Culver	Heating Oil – Jacobs' Farm House	Feb. 15, 2021	\$210.53	81-000-7065-5780
5. Duxbury Construction Company LLC	Septic Tank Investigation Jacobs Farmhouse	Nov. 5, 2020	\$125.00	81-000-7065-5780
6. O'Rourke Restoration	Stetson Ford House – Install New Bulkhead Invoice # 2020-1005	Feb. 5, 2021	\$2688.00	24-691-6131-5780
7. TBA Architects Inc.	Invoice #122561	November 20, 2020	\$644.80	81-000-7065-5780
8. Fire Alarm Corporation	Yearly Monitoring Fee for Alarm at Jacobs Farm House	January 1, 2021	\$360.00	81-000-7065-5780
<b>Total of Billable Amounts Listed Above:</b>			<b>\$4714.34</b>	

A motion to approve the payment of the bills was, seconded and unanimously approved by show of hands.

**CUSHING TOMB:**

David reported that Gibraltar Stone provided an estimate of \$7500 to reset the granite stones. David will also get a second estimate from ? Merritt. He has obtained an estimate of \$1600 from Keaney to remove the small trees. David would like to use Historical Commission funds to remove the trees and request CPC funds for the stonework in the fall.

**STETSON FORD HOUSE**

As reported by Alan, the bulkhead door was replaced and the cost was \$2688. Ted reported that the cost reflected the fact that prevailing wages had to be paid because more than one person was required for the job. David is going to ask the tenant to paint the door. Ted and David are still getting quotes for the tree work.

**JACOBS FARM UPDATE**

Ted reported that the drawings and specifications were sent to Historic New England (NHE) who is requiring multiple changes and additional information. Ted was able to compile all the needed documents on 2/26/2021 and will send them to HNE. NHE will not approve the vertical battens to make the 1952 barn weather tight. Jim suggested asking if interior battens would be permitted.

**4 TIFFANY RD.**

Nancy determined that the original application is once again in the active file with the same information that was deemed to be inadequate for the Commission to review. The Commission has not been advised by the Building Department that a new application for a demolition permit has been made.

**HIGH ST. DEVELOPMENT**

Northland Development Co. is proposing a 40B project that will require demolition of four houses on High St. One of the houses (27 High St.) has an assessor's date of 1953 but an earlier Macris date of more than 75 years. Nancy requested that deed research be done to determine the actual date. Janet agreed to do the deed research.

**WEBB PROJECT**

David reported that he heard from a High St. resident that Webb's Gym is in the process of a site plan review with the Zoning Board of appeals about a proposal to construct a building that would require demolition of three existing buildings (144-148) including one that is dated 1860. David is concerned that the Historical Commission was not notified. Jim Kelliher offered his opinion that this is a preliminary inquiry to determine if the construction would be feasible and that it is premature to raise the demolition issue. It is assumed that the advisors to the project are aware of Norwell bylaws including demolition restrictions.

**FORM B UPDATE**

Christina in the Building Department gave David a list of Form Bs that need to be updated. Janet reported that she received a list from Wendy Bawabe and will compare the lists. Wendy's list contains 32 forms that require attention. Twenty of them (20) do not have forms at all and require historical research. Five members of the Commission are working on these and making headway. Kristin conveyed suggestion from Wendy that the Commission ask for CPC funds to update the booklet on Historical Homes that was done a while ago.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**

Janet reported that the Board of Selectmen can only allot 10 minutes to the awards, so the idea of developing a Power Point to be shown at the BOS meeting is not workable. Janet contacted NSTV (cable TV) and they are interested in doing videos on the award winners. Janet will coordinate this.

#### **REVOLVING FUND**

Nancy inquired about the bylaw change to combine the revolving fund so that proceeds from all historic properties could be combined. Bob Norris indicated that it is on track.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Monday, April 5 at 7:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM

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