

MINUTES: Norwell Historical Commission, Monday, April 2, 2018

PRESENT: Noel Ripley, Chair, David DeGhetto, Jim Kelliher, Nancy McBride, Trish Shepherd, Janet Watson

Absent: Bob Norris

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM. 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 March as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Trish Shepherd reported the following invoices:

Account #15-194-8040-6741-000 (SSS House)

East Coast Fence	\$640.00	six month fence rental
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Account #81-000-7065-5780 (JFH Income)

Verizon	\$47.63	telephone
Albert Culver	\$548.13	oil delivery
Total	\$595.76	

David presented an invoice from Oxford Dendochronology Laboratory for dating the Sargeant Samuel Stetson house. David will pay the bill because it is an international account and payment has to be wired. Commission members agreed to use the General Fund to reimburse David

Account# 1-691-201-5780 (General Fund)

David DeGhetto (reimbursement)	\$1200	dating SSSHouse
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Bills were unanimously approved.

Noel informed David that the invoice from the North Benet St. School for the bill work has not been submitted and David will contact them.

OPEN CPC ARTICLES REVIEW

Trish discussed CPC Articles as follows:

Stetson Ford House Account from 2009 has \$67,283.01 remaining. This allocation was for deleading and other projects all of which have been completed. There is over \$100,000 in the Stetson Ford account from rental income so Trish recommended that the CPC account be closed and money returned to CPC. Motion was made, seconded and approved to close account and return the funds.

The account for the Cushing Center parking lot has closed.

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Two other accounts, the National Registry Study and one of two allocations for the SSSHouse move will close in the next couple of months because the money will be spent.

Commission members discussed the allocation for the 166 Norwell Ave preservation restriction in the amount of \$190,000 which has been pending since 2015. This has been a frequent topic of discussion at Commission meetings. The Commission would like to see the property under a preservation agreement, but negotiations between the current owners and Town Counsel are deadlocked over a subordination clause which requires the Town's rights to supersede those of any other party in case of foreclosure. Commission members decided to agree to continuation of the account but to notify Bob Galvin, Town Counsel, that we want a final agreement within six months.

The accounts for the Jacob Farmhouse repairs and remaining account for the SSS House move will remain open.

10 MOUNT HOPE ST BARN REMODEL

Owner Bob Fortier and architect Peter Clapsaddle attended to discuss this project, remodeling and additions for the late 19th century house and barn. The proposed section of the barn to be demolished is a later addition which is collapsing and jeopardizing the original structure of the barn. The plan is to preserve the original barn, remove the addition and build another addition that will maintain the current rooflines. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow the barn addition to be demolished and the remodeling to proceed. Noel will notify the Building Department. Because the addition to the main house does not involve demolition, the Commission is not involved.

SARGEANT SAMUEL STETSON HOUSE

The Stetson Kindred have still not made a final decision about whether they will move the house to their property. Noel reported that they are in discussion with Selectman Greg McBride. They will be voting at their next meeting and have been told that the deadline for a decision is May 7 (Annual Town Meeting). If an agreement hasn't been reached by that time the Commission will recommend that the house be moved to the cemetery site.

GRANGE SIGN

The Commission has recommended that the Grange Sign be preserved on the building but the Grange wants to keep the sign. The sign is part of the current structure which is owned by the town, so the Commission will recommend that the Grange take responsibility for removing the sign and replacing it with a reproduction.

206 SUMMER ST DEMOLITION PERMIT

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Eugene Mattie the owner of 206 Summer St. submitted demolition plans that were received by the Building Department on March 15. He informed the Commission that his plan would be to build a large new home on the lot and (1) ask the Commission for help in finding another location to move the existing house (2) keep the existing house on the property as an outbuilding but with no guarantee that the new owner would keep the structure or (3) demolish the house.

The Commission will hold a public hearing for abutters and decided on the date of May 3. Janet will find out if a room is available and make the necessary notifications.

JACOBS FARMHOUSE PROJECT DESIGNER

David expressed concern that TBA has not initiated work on lead abatement. Noel reported that he met with TBA last week and they now have the necessary reports and are referring the project to their consultant. There have been changes in the law regarding lead abatement that may mean that the cost may be significantly less than projected.

NORWELL FARMS

Trish reported that Norwell Farms did not pay the \$3000 rent for the barns in 2017 and is financially strapped because they do not have a farmer. They proposed to pay half of what they owe and wait for money from fund raising. Since the lease is with the Town, Trish will notify the Selectman so they can decide what to do.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:15 PM in the Osborne Room.

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