

**MINUTES:** Norwell Historical Commission, Monday, July 1, 2019

**PRESENT:** Noel Ripley, David DeGhetto, , Bob Norris, Janet Watson, Alan Prouty, Anne Greene

**ABSENT:** Jim Kelliher, Nancy McBride

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 June 3 with corrections.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Newly appointed members Alan Prouty and Anne Greene (who will serve as an alternate) were introduced.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer David DeGhetto presented the following bills:

<b>Account #81-000-7065-5780</b>		<b>(JFH Income)</b>
Verizon	\$48.97	telephone
National Grid	\$ 36.58	electricity
R.E. Lyons and Sons	\$101.75	servicing fire extinguishers
Total	\$187.30	

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These bills were unanimously approved.

#### **GRANGE**

Peter Kulka from Norwell American Legion Post 191 attended the meeting to discuss the Legion's interest in obtaining the Grange building. Their plan is to use the building as a community center for the Legion, Boy Scouts and the Rotary. Peter recently attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting to present the proposal and believes the Selectmen were favorable. He assured the Commission that the Legion's plan would be to preserve the building as it exists. The Legion does not have funds but would rely on volunteers such as Eagle Scouts and local businesses to do the renovations that without volunteer help would be estimated to cost \$300,000-\$400,000. The Legion does not have funds for materials at this time. Peter said there is a possible donation of \$150,000 from an individual on condition of naming the interior hall after his father. Peter will update the Commission on the status of the proposal.

#### **WASHINGTON ST.**

Marlene Ketchen who previously attended a meeting to talk about proposed plans to renovate this building, has finalized purchase of this property for her business and started renovations. She attended tonight to discuss removing an overhang on a modern addition. The Commission agreed that this would improve the appearance of the building and would not compromise any historic features. A motion was made, seconded and members voted unanimously to approve the removal of the overhang.

## **HISTORIC BUILDING FUND**

Bob Norris has not yet talked to Peter Morin or Bob Galvin but believes the matter is not urgent because new bylaws are not going to be considered at the fall annual meeting. Therefore nothing can be done until the spring. The accumulated funds in the Stetson Ford account will remain in the revolving account through 2020 so if we are able to establish a Historic Building Fund in the spring, the funds would be still be available.

## **NORWELL FARMS/ CROSS ST. FLOWER FARMS**

David remains concerned about Cross St. Flower Farms Verizon line being above ground and suggested that the Commission require them to disconnect it from the East Barn. Since the Commission voted last month not to require this, the matter was not voted on again. Janet suggested that the Commission ask for a review of the rental agreement and whether rent is being paid so that we can be assess whether the terms are fair.

## **JACOBS FARMHOUSE PROJECT**

The Subcommittee with five members present met with TBA on Monday June 24 to review the cost estimates for the project. TBA submitted an extremely detailed scope that required many items to be removed to keep the costs in line with available funds. The meeting lasted three hours. The bids are schedules to be released July 14.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 7:00.