

# Goshen Historical Commission

## *Meeting Minutes*

November 4, 2017

### **1) Call to order**

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:35AM on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Goshen Historical Museum.

### **2) Roll call**

- a) The following persons were present: Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner, Floyd Merritt

### **3) Approval of minutes from last meeting**

- a) The minutes of the October 7, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

### **4) Finance Report**

- a) Still no expenditures listed on the Expenditures Report. Town Admin. Asst. still out on disability. Need to confirm that the utility bills are being processed. Town Acct. indicated that the FY17 encumbered funds would be properly reflected on report.

### **5) Report on endangered historical properties**

- a) The Flynn family has decided to have the Captain Thomas Weeks secretary appraised locally since Douglas Auctioneers in South Deerfield (241 Greenfield Road, 413-665-2877) was not able to help us as we had hoped. BL has contacted Douglas Auctioneers to make them aware of this change in direction.
- b) In spite of repeated requests, we have not received an update from Town Treasurer on status of Williams / Boltwood house foreclosure. The last update we had indicated that he was requesting information from the Town attorney.
- c) Need to move boxed books in the Williams / Boltwood House living room to the museum for safekeeping. Plan is to transfer books from existing crumbling boxes to new bankers boxes beforehand.

### **6) Status of completion of and summary of MHC inventory forms on historical properties**

- a) No change from previous report.

### **7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee**

- a) Senior Housing – significant progress being made. Roof trusses being installed
- b) 1937 Dodge Fire Truck – processed invoice for hose bed frame

## **8) Report of the Curator**

### General

- On October 11<sup>th</sup>, basement propane heater was not heating. After thorough inspection for leak (none found) George Propane determined that we needed a new tank, which they installed the next day.
- Some of the recent heavy 'showers' resulted in minor water leak on the floor of the basement closet. No damage done.

## **9) New Business**

BL is now in possession of a digital copy of the town's vital reports dating back to 1781. These were files stored in the town vault by the Town Clerk. The files are quite large (> 100MB). The next step is to parse the images into smaller files, catalog them with the goal of making them available on the town website.

## **10) Adjournment**

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 A.M.
- b) Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie

## **GHC To Do List**

### Photos

- Make prints of the Wilcutt Photos or print on regular paper
- Put them in a binder for display
- “What do you think this is a picture of and why do you think that?”
- Use Inventory Form format

Museum Sign – make new one

Take down ash tree in parking lot

Install electrical outlet in center of basement ceiling for de-humidifier

Load new pictures in the digiframe

Repair soffit over the basement walkout

Sand and repaint threshold

Replace drain cover in the basement floor

Pump organ repair – get a quote

Create video of Margaret and Floyd walking through the Museum explaining the exhibits

Japanese Knotweed in parking lot – needs to be treated with Brush-b-gone

Catalog remaining books from Boltwood Library ([librarything.org](http://librarything.org))

Construct bookshelf above computer area in the museum for storage.

Letter to WBH attorney asking for proposal to Goshen Select board

Boxes at WBH – move to museum

Power wash the Goshen stone pad, sidewalk and lye stone in front of the museum