

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2018

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:35AM on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Goshen Fire Station.

2) Roll call

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

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) The minutes of the December 2, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

4) Finance Report

- a) Expensed \$529.52 to date. Have a balance of \$207.74 on our George Propane bill. Need to investigate.

5) Report on endangered historical properties

- a) No updates from the Town Treasurer.
- b) Captain Weeks secretary is now in the possession of the Williams / Boltwood House Trust thanks to the help of Koreen Miller (niece of Steve Mollison).

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

- a) Norene Roberts offered to help us review the existing MHC forms so we can complete them and get them submitted.

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

- a) No CPA meeting held in December.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) It was noted that Stephen Howes, long-time supporter and frequent visitor of the Historical Museum, had recently passed away.

9) New Business

- a) Norene Roberts met with us to review Goshen's revised National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination for the Goshen Town Hall. Discussion ensued. Voted unanimously to approve

the final draft nomination with the suggested comments from the MA Historical Commission which Norene incorporated into the draft. Bob to provide Norene with signed letter stating such.

- b) The GHC needs to be in the loop of any work being considered for the Town Hall since the building is now under a conservation restriction. The GHC is in a good position to be able to help the town avoid actions against it. Also take the opportunity to remind the Town what the GHC's role is. BL to draft a letter to the Goshen Select Board.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.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)

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