

# **Goshen Historical Commission**

## *Meeting Minutes*

May 6, 2017

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

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:35AM on May 6, 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 March 4, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.
- b) There were no minutes of the April 1, 2017 meeting because it was cancelled due to poor weather.

### **4) Finance Report**

- a) Current budget balance is \$2,329.86 as of 4/10/2017. Current FYTD expenditures of \$1,279.14.

### **5) Report on endangered historical properties – Williams / Boltwood House**

- a) Nancy Clifford met with Alan Kidston (Goshen Town Treasurer) and Dawn Bloom (Attorney working on the foreclosure for the Town of Goshen) to discuss the status of the property.

### **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) CPC annual meeting was held. 1937 Dodge Fire truck project update was given. Trying to complete project by the end of the year.

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

- Museum opening on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Received the following gift from Anne Sabo Warner
  - (1) Recalling fond memories of the Goshen Center School (Country Journal Article on 3/16/17)
- Received the following gifts from Norene Roberts
  - (1) Otis L. Webb “He Makes it Possible” (poetry type script) read at his funeral on 2/11/63
  - (2) Virginia Webb Otis – four miscellaneous published articles (clippings)

- (3) Annie Graves “Ashfield” (contains mention and photo of Nancy Hoff, Goshen’s first female Select Board member) from Yankee Magazine Article (April, 2015)
- (4) Chesterfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Program (2016) – contains article on Lori Hathaway, daughter of Norman Hathaway
- (5) The Bedrock Geology of Massachusetts – Professional Paper #1366-A-D (1988), 35 pages
- (6) The Shelburne Falls Arc – Lost Arc of the Taconic Orogeny B3-1-13, no date, copy
- (7) Miscellaneous items on the road salt problem, the Goshen Bicentennial, and the New Hingham School.

## **9) New Business**

- (1) Need to purchase new ink cartridges for the museum printer (HP Deskjet D1560). Cartridge #21 and #22

## **10) Adjournment**

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon
- 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

Ceiling fan – can we put it on a different switch that will allow it to run with various speeds?

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

Gate for the top of the stairs

5’ Step ladder

Step stool

LED lights to replace compact fluorescent bulbs (7)

Alarm system update / upgrade for building

Storage boxes for Williams-Boltwood house books