

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2017

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:35AM on August 5, 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 July 1, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

4) Finance Report

- a) No expenditures yet in FY18. Budget approved is \$3,600

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

- a) BL to discuss intention of the Goshen Select Board with regards to the WB house. Still need to remove remaining books from house before winter sets in. MW hired someone to mow the lawn using personal funds.

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) See attached minutes of the 08/14/2017 meeting of the CPA.

8) Report of the Curator

General

- Working with MW to improve labeling and lists of contents to facilitate finding of items in the collections for when detailed electronic indexing will be used in the future.
- Margaret has made a map of the first floor layout to help identify the location of items / boxes.
- July 24 – Melissa Papillion came to the museum and took the sewing machine and

- cement-carrying hod that were originally in the Town Hall attic. The museum had been storing the items since last fall.

9) New Business

Still need to purchase plywood for the basement soffit

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

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.
- b) Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie

**Community Preservation Act Committee
Goshen, MA
Minutes from August 14, 2017**

Call to Order: 7:05 pm.

Attendees: Shannon Wade, Sandy Papush, David Pesuit, Alison Bowen, Don Boisvert, Bob Labrie, Paul Lischetti (Project director from HCDC) and

Minutes from July 10, 2017 were read and accepted as presented.

Update was given on the Elder Housing project:

All permits in place, blasting for foundation, duplex foundation has been poured. Pre-emptive Radon pipe for \$8,200 and may still need fans after the buildings are complete if positive for Radon in the future. (Which may cost about \$1,000 per building)

Sprinkler system situation was explained as previously outline in previous minutes. The state is now requiring that there be a generator and has offered the possibility of funding \$40,000 if the HCDC is unable to secure funding elsewhere, per a letter addressed to Dave Christopolis.

Don Boisvert related that the Elder Housing Committee is recommending that the CPA approve \$24,000 for gutters, building of the church parking lot and landscaping as opposed to funding the generator. No application from the HCDC has been presented for this.

Discussion was had about the status of CPA funds and comments were made by Sandy Papush that the CPA has funded a fair amount of the Elder Housing project and it would be good to look at other potential projects before deciding on more money for this Elder Housing project. Other ideas are looking into offering first time homebuyers assistance.

An application was presented by the HCDC for \$40,000 for the back-up generator.
**Motion was made and seconded to accept the application from HCDC. The motion was unanimously rejected on the grounds that 1. The generator was not originally required by the state and 2. Senior housing has received approximately 10% of CPA's overall funds and the committee should be mindful of other needs for the town.

Williams-Boltwood Project- per Bob Labrie they are waiting for the attorney to schedule foreclosure. He will be talking with the Select Board regarding their plans.

Fire Truck Restoration- Headed back to the shop (1812) for further repairs.

Next meeting September 11, 2017 at 7pm

Adjourned 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Wade

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 Goshen stone pad, sidewalk and lye stone in front of museum