

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2017

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:30AM on Saturday, September 2, 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 August 5, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

4) Finance Report

- a) "All Expenditure" report from Town Accountant is for 7/1/16 to 8/28/17. However, expenditures listed are for FY17. To date, no funds have been expended in FY18.
- b) Copies of invoices paid by Select board Admin for items they process on our behalf were incomplete (pages missing, invoices copied with post it notes over invoice numbers...). BL to follow up with Town Accountant for more accurate information. Trying to understand the increase in the Verizon charges for FY17.

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

- a) BL to contact Douglas Auctioneers in South Deerfield (241 Greenfield Road, 413-665-2877) to see if they can appraise a piece of furniture using only photographs and determine cost of same.
- b) MW to check her files for appraisal that was done for the high boy in the Williams / Boltwood house.
- c) BL to respond to Pat Flynn re: Captain Thomas Weeks secretary.

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) Hilltown Community Development Corporation (HCDC) submitted a request for \$40,000 to purchase a backup generator for the Senior Housing project on Main Street. The committee rejected the request and asked the HCDC to consider re-submitting a new request with a lower request.

8) Report of the Curator

General

- Sue Kalentek – possible addition to Commission
- Visitors

June/July 2016 – 17 2017 – 10

August 2016 – 11 2017 – 12

Few in numbers but those who did visit had serious interest in history.

Need to find ways to get ‘ordinary’ people to visit.

Gifts

- Animal leader (bull pull) from Sears farm on Cape Street - a long sturdy pole with cast iron device on one end, which attaches to a ring in the animals nose. Donor – Anthony Thomas Jr.
- An advertising thermometer for Freeman Sears Lime Spreading and Trucking business. Donor – Anthony Thomas Jr.

9) New Business

Town Clerk was looking for our meeting minutes. She was advised that they were available on the GHC page of the town website.

Members were reminded that they need to take the annual ethics training offered by the State.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 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