

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2017

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 11:10AM on Saturday, October 7, 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 September 2, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

4) Finance Report

- a) No expenditures to date.
- b) Latest expenditure report shows \$1,771.46 in carryforward column but no corresponding amount in encumbered column. BL to contact Town Accountant to correct.

5) Report on endangered historical properties

- a) Douglas Auctioneers in South Deerfield (241 Greenfield Road, 413-665-2877) indicated that they could appraise the Captain Thomas Weeks secretary with just photos. Waiting for appraisal.
- b) Have not received update from Town Treasurer on status of Williams / Boltwood house foreclosure.

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 – Foundation & slabs installed
- b) 1937 Dodge Fire Truck – Hose bed frame built

8) Report of the Curator

General

- A cooperative search with the Town Clerk for a descendant of the Greenwood Brown family for any historical or genealogical records. This family was in Goshen at least by the 1780's. The Barrus History (pg. 135) says the farm was located west of Spruce Corner Road, its buildings destroyed by fire around 1840. Thomas Brown (not knowingly related) had a house on East Street where the DAR office is now.

- The new book by Anthony (Tommy) Thomas Jr., Goshen native, former Selectman and firefighter was examined for addition to the collections. It is a memoir of his business titled “The Lunch Box – Crossroads of Williamsburg”
- There has already been use of recent articles by Anne Sabo Warner published this year in the Country Journal.
- FM will call George Propane to ask them to inspect the basement propane heater.

Gifts

- Anthony Thomas Jr. donated copies of several early maps that FM will process and catalog

9) New Business

Nothing to report.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 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