Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2018

1) Call to order

a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 10:38AM on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Goshen Historical Museum.

2) Roll call

a) The following persons were present: Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner, Floyd Merritt was out ill

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) The minutes of the March 3, 2018 meeting were approved as printed.
- b) There were no meetings held in April or May since there was no urgent business that needed to come before the Commission.

4) Finance Report

- a) Unencumbered balance as of 05/21/2018 was \$2,353.47.
- b) Outstanding George Propane bills of \$823.65.
- c) Verizon phone bills of \$34.76
- d) Balance of \$1,495.06.
- e) Items to consider purchasing before end of fiscal year:
 - New museum sign Aluminum, composite, vinyl
 - Material for basement soffit repair plywood, screws, paint, materials
 - New cover for basement drain
 - Paint for threshold
 - Brush-B-Gone for Japanese Knotweed in parking lot

5) Report on endangered historical properties

a) Goshen Town Hall – Nomination papers to put the building on the National Register of Historic Places have been received. Hearing in Boston on June 13th to consider nomination

b) Williams / Boltwood House – Received letter from Allan Kidston (Town Treasurer). Six individual heirs were not successfully served foreclosure notices in Round 1. As a result, citations have to be re-issued. No further update on status.

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

a) No change.

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

- a) 1937 Dodge truck was delivered in time to drive in the parades in Goshen and Northampton. Now being stored in the Goshen fire station where it will continue to be worked on by Goshen Firefighters Association members.
- b) Senior Housing project is proceeding on schedule. Occupation expected by the summer.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) No report from Floyd since he is out ill.
- b) Mouse traps set and working. Plan is to be open on Saturday's in July and August from 3-5PM.

9) New Business

- a) Need to identify new members for the Commission
 - Jan Goss, Kristen and Steve Estelle and Melanie Lamere (Arlene's granddaughter) come to mind.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.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 (in process)

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