

# ***Goshen Historical Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

May 8, 2014

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

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:15PM on May 8, 2014 at the Goshen Historical Museum.

### **2) Roll call**

- a) The following persons were present: Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner, Floyd Merrit

### **3) Approval of minutes from last meeting**

- a) The minutes for the 1/9/2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- b) The minutes for the 4/10/2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended.

### **4) Finance Report**

- a) YTD Expenses as of 4/25 were \$2,234.74 out of a budget of \$3,600.00
- b) Finance Report was accepted as presented.

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

- a) Roof on rear porch of the Williams / Boltwood House has mostly collapsed.
- b) Discussion on the Williams / Boltwood House Trust annual meeting
  - i) Nancy Clifford (Trustee) agreed to loan contents of the house to the GHC and to provide us with copies of the Will and Trust.
  - ii) Kit to provide BL with copies of e-mails between Trust and local attorneys.
  - iii) Selectboard can ask for proposals rather than go out to auction. When can this be done? Before, during or after land court?

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

- a) Two more forms are now complete – total of 9
- b) Group agreed to submit those that are completed to the MHC

### **7) Selection and assignment of next properties to be inventoried**

- a) Hammond House and Barn (Bob & Margaret)

- i) This is the Reuben Dresser house (Kit Dresser has a picture)
- ii) Bonnie Parsons – PVPC might be of assistance
- iii) John Sobon (Windsor) and John Otis should be contacted to assist in preparing MHC form submission for Hammond house and barn
- b) Lawrence Packard House (1820) – 208 Old Goshen Road
  - i) FM will start
- c) 2 Wing Hill – Bassett House – Do we have anything on this house?

**8) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee**

- a) CPC was pleased with the update BL provided them on the Williams / Boltwood House.
- b) BL provided the CPC with a request for \$20,000 to refurbish the 1938 Dodge fire truck. More work needs to be done on the application before the CPC will vote on the submission, namely, have the Goshen Firefighter’s Association needs to provide the CPC with assurances that the vehicle will not be sold and will remain an asset of the Town of Goshen.

**9) Report of the Curator**

- a) We will meet on 5/26 at 1PM to clean the museum and prepare exhibits for the season
- b) See Margaret’s handout for Docent’s schedule
- c) Bob will work to eliminate the Japanese Knotweed in the parking lot
- d) Need to make posters to remind people that we’re open.
- e) Put notice on Town website
- f) Purchase “Open” sign
- g) Cost of sandwich board sign
- h) Need to get Ruth Fairman to sign a Deed of Gift form.

**10) New Business**

- a) Bob Labrie re-nominated to a 3-year term by the Commission.
- b) Approved the Hampshire Council of Government (HCOG) letter of support for their rehabilitation project of the courthouse.
- c) Discussion - letter from Margaret to CPA re: the historical significance of the John James Memorial Hall

- d) We received three document boxes of church records from the Goshen Congregational Church through Arlene Harry for safekeeping. Floyd will inventory and report to the commission at the next meeting.

**11) Adjournment**

- a) **Bob Labrie adjourned the meeting at 9:45PM.**
- b) **Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie**