

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2014

1) Call to order

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:12PM on June 14, 2014 at the 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 May 8, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.

4) Finance Report

- a) YTD expenses of \$2,735.69 as of 6.12.2014
- b) \$864.31 balance with an additional \$200 incurred but not received.
- c) Book Fund balance is \$316.50 (\$30 addition from last month)
- d) Gift Fund balance is \$3,256.59
- e) Finance report was accepted as presented.

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

- a) We have a letter from Nancy Clifford (Boltwood House Trustee) loaning the GHC the contents of the Williams / Boltwood House. Need to develop plan for the following:
 - Inventory of collection including photographs
 - What can go where? Storage needs?
 - John Lancaster (Williamsburg) has offered to help us catalog the book collection. MW to contact John to give him an update on the status of the property and get his advice on how we should proceed.
 - Bob to follow up with Alan Kidston (Town Treasurer) for a status on the disposition of the house.

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

a) Nine forms have been completed. Need to package and mail.

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

a) Bob presented an update on the 1937 Dodge Restoration project.

b) CPC has asked the GHC for a letter indicating the historical significance of the vehicle. Bob to complete.

8) Report of the Curator

a) Museum opened on 6/1.

b) Jonathan Foulkes purchased a post card written by Fanny Boltwood (circa 1920) on behalf of the GHC.

c) Barnes Taft visited and worked with Floyd to catalog Ginny Otis' articles.

9) New Business

a) Need to construct gate at the top of the stairs for safety. BL will measure for wood. Need to determine best way to secure it to the wall.

- D.A.R. Visit – Bob gave a presentation to members of the D.A.R. at their Northampton facility on the process of going from a glass negative to a positive to a restored photograph.
- “Open” flag purchased by Floyd. Need a 6’ length of conduit ¾” in diameter. Drill 2 holes 32 ½” apart to hold grommets. Bob to take care of.
- Bob to purchase a sandwich board to put out in front of Museum when open.
- Bob to purchase paper to be used to properly store glass negatives.
- Bob to purchase Brush-B-Gone and apply on the Japanese Knotweed growing on the edges of the parking lot.

10) Adjournment

a) Bob Labrie adjourned the meeting at 9:51PM.

b) Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie