

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

1) Call to order

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:30PM on August 14, 2014 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 for the July 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

4) Finance Report

- a) YTD Expenses as of 8/10 were \$253.36 out of a budget of \$3,600.00
- b) Gift Fund balance = \$3,256.59
- c) Book Fund balance = \$286.50
- d) Finance Report was accepted as presented.

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

- a) No known change in status.
- b) Margaret, Bob and Jon Schwaiger toured the house and identified items that could be moved to the museum for safekeeping. Took measurements of several items of furniture and photographed books on the shelves in the living room, the store and the upstairs library.
- c) Need to determine how best to store the books. How many linear feet of books are there?
- d) Margaret to contact Smith College Special Collections Librarian Martin Antonetti for his advice on how we should proceed.
- e) Bob to contact Nancy Wood (Goshen Cultural Council) to determine availability of funds that would allow us to provide a stipend to interns that could help us with the project.

- f) Bob to contact Wistariahurst Museum Curator for advice on how to get interns and possible sources of funding for them.

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

- a) No change in status

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

- a) CPC approved the \$20,000 request from the Goshen Firefighters Association to refurbish the 1938 Dodge fire truck. Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 20th, 2014.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) 40 visitors so far this year. Only 13 in August.
- b) Worked on Packard Family material
- c) Floyd working with Gina Papineau to research the status of discontinued / closed Town roads
- d) The estate of David Richardson gave us 17 pages of Hilltown Little League records from 1983 – 1984.
- e) The Goshen Congregational Church (GCC) has gifted several original record books (1874-1939), account book (1936-1958), three books of minutes of the GCC meetings (Book 3 – May 4, 1955 to July 6, 1967, Book 4 – August 12, 1967 to April 12, 1983, Book 5 – January 7, 1984 to February 11, 1995)
- f) Still need to follow up with Ruth Fairman for a completed Deed of Gift form

9) New Business

- a) Bob Labrie presented a History of Hammond Acres at the request of the Goshen Historical Association at the Hammond Acres Barn in August. Over 100 people attended.
- b) Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner, Floyd Merritt and Kit Rock visited the Hinkley Williams barn on Cape Street by invitation from co-owner Howard Parad on 8/10.

10) Adjournment

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