

# ***Goshen Historical Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

September 18, 2014

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

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:22PM on September 18, 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 August 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **4) Finance Report**

- a) YTD Expenses as of 9/18 were \$253.36 out of a budget of \$3,600.00
- b) Gift Fund balance = \$3,280.59
- c) Book Fund balance = \$323.50
- d) Finance Report was accepted as presented.

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

- a) Floyd and Margaret measured the linear feet of the shelves and cupboards containing the books to determine how many boxes we'll need for storage.
- b) Floyd spoke with John Lancaster (former head of the Special Collections and Archives at Amherst College). He suggested that we label the shelves, number them, photograph them and box them as they are currently on the shelves. This is better on the binding.
- c) Bob contacted Leslie Woods (head of Archives and Special Collections at Mt. Holyoke College) for advice on how to handle the Boltwood Family library. She was out this week. Hope to hear back from her next week.
- d) Bob will contact Nancy Clifford (Babcock House Trust Trustee) to see if the Trust has any available funds that can help defray the costs for shelving units and storage boxes for the books.

### **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 is concerned with the inactivity on the Williams / Boltwood House and is considering taking the funds back. Bob explained that the GHC has its hands tied and have to wait for the Town Treasurer to go through the Land Court process before any other progress can be made towards acquiring the property.

**8) Report of the Curator**

- a) On 9/4, we had a film crew here from The History Channel working on a piece called "Age of the Giants". It is thought that the show would air in October or November.
- b) On 9/5, Helen Behrens (Hammond Pond summer resident) came in and donated a lap board made by her grandfather William Bartlett working in his brother Cecil's workshop in Westfield MA. Used for many years by his wife Helen Barrus Bartlett who was Helen Behrens grandmother.
- c) On 9/15, Margaret and Floyd spent time at the Williams House measuring the linear feet of the shelves containing the Boltwood Family library books.

**9) New Business**

- a) On 8/24, Bob visited the Three Sisters Sanctuary on Cape Street to help in a documentary being filmed by The Travel Channel. The show is expected to air in March, 2015

**10) Adjournment**

- a) **Bob Labrie adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.**
- b) **Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie**