

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2014

1) Call to order

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:15PM on December 11, 2014 at the Goshen Fire Station.

2) Roll call

- a) The following persons were present: Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner (on phone), Floyd Merritt

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) The minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting were approved with amendments.

4) Finance Report

- a) No change from prior report.
- b) Finance Report accepted as presented.

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

- a) Flashmob Book Cataloguing Event on 12/6/2014
 - 18 volunteers attended in the course of the day
 - 415 books were catalogued on the GHC account at LibraryThing.org
 - Majority of books have been boxed and moved to museum for protection
 - Working with Erin Stahlberg (Mt. Holyoke College) for follow-up event(s)
 - Bob to draft letter of thanks to volunteers
 - Met Rachel Onuf (MA Roving Archivist). She sent us an application to request her services. This is something we will look into at a future date.
 - Bob to work with LibraryThing account to assess what information has been catalogued and what data can be extracted.

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) No meeting scheduled.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) 'Age of Giants' show has premiered on the History Channel. Bob to follow up with MA State Archeologist to determine what our role is / should be when they come back this summer to dig holes around tunnel.
- b) Assessor's office has presented the GHC with Goshen Highway Surveyors records from 1840's to 1860's. Also included are a few documents concerning Town care of the poor.

9) New Business

- a) Discussed proposed Senior Housing Project and agreed that the buildings should be in keeping with the character of the surrounding structures.
- b) FY 2016 Budget
- Town is now paying security costs
 - Town should centralize utility costs (our biggest expense) since our ability to spend any funds is handicapped by this line item until Spring when we no longer need to heat the building. Only then do we have a good sense of what funds we have for project work.
 - Bob to submit request for \$3,600 – level funded from FY 2015

10) Adjournment

- a) **Bob Labrie adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM.**
- b) **Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie**