

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015

1) Call to order

- a) Bob Labrie called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission at 7:20PM on May 14, 2015 at the Goshen Historical Museum.

2) Roll call

- a) The following persons were present:
Commission members - Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner, Floyd Merritt
Visitors – Winston Bancroft

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) The minutes for the April 16th meeting were approved as amended.

4) Finance Report

- a) YTD expenses of \$2,225.18 out of \$3,600 budget
Bob to email Roland Chaffee (Town Accountant) to get a listing of FY 15 expensed paid. Concern that the winter heating bills might put us over budget.

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

- a) Still waiting for Town's tax taking process to begin.
- b) Alan Kidston (Town Treasurer) following up with Town's attorney.

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

- a) Progress being made. Text from old forms has been copied to new forms.
Working on bringing in maps and orthos.

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

- a) Items discussed were the status of the Senior Housing project, John James Hall rehab project, the 1937 Dodge restoration project and the soon-to-be erected playground behind the Town Hall.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) Handicapped sign and lye stone marking were destroyed by winter snow clearing operations. Floyd is working to find replacement signs.

- b) Assessors materials have been returned to them
- c) Docent schedule discussed
- d) Floyd attended Plainfield Aqueduct Company presentation by the Plainfield Historical Society on April 25th called “Hidden Walls, Hidden Mills” and the Plainfield Aqueduct Company (1816-1971)
- e) Floyd attended a presentation from Chester (Louis) Cross on Briar Hill Road regarding stone heaps. Claims there are 50 of them on his property. Guest speaker was Bill Sharp – member of the N.E. Antiquities Assoc.
- f) May 24th – cleaning day at the museum (10AM)
- g) Need to set up the digital picture frames

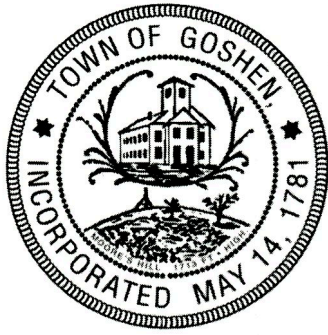
9) New Business

The MA Dept of Transportation sent us a letter regarding the repaving of Route 9 from the Cummington Line to just past Ball Road. The project is expected to begin next year. They are asking for input from the GHC on any issues we might have with the project. None were apparent. Bob to notify DOT of that.

10) Adjournment

- a) Bob Labrie adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie



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April 27, 2015

Ms. Brona Simon, Executive Director
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Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
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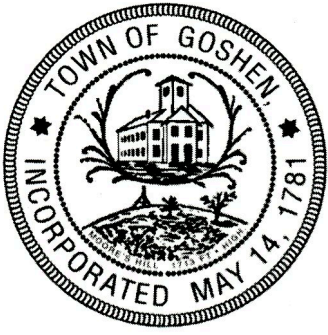
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Bob Labrie, Chair
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cc: William Francis Galvin
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