

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 7:05PM on August 20, 2015 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 of the June 11, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.
- b) The minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting were approved as printed.

4) Finance Report

- a) \$2 donation
- b) \$50 to the book fund (2 books)
- c) Discussion ensued regarding items to purchase in the coming year

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

- a) Allan Kidston's (Goshen's Treasurer) provided an e-mail update indicating that the Town's attorney completed the title search which revealed glitches in the trust documents (something we were already aware of). This precludes the Town's ability to structure a deed settlement in lieu of foreclosure directly with the Trustee(s). The attorney's recommendation is to move foreclosure which will be filed with the State's Land Court.

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) Major item of discussion was the Town Hall Rehab. Project.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) Mike Packard used several photos from the GHC collection for his presentation to the Goshen Historical Society
- b) Received MHC inventory forms from Norene Roberts on buildings in Holyoke built by the same architect that built the Brazeau house on Main Street.
- c) Norene asked for a copy of the DVD entitled “The Development of Highland Lake, Goshen MA” from the holdings of the GHC – BL to create.
- d) Docent – need to identify volunteers to help and to be trained.

9) New Business

- a) Discussed request from the MA Registry of Deeds (see attached)
- b) BL provided an update on the 1937 Dodge fire truck rehab project.
- c) History of the sale of Goshen History books – we need to respond to Gina’s request for additional books and determine how the GHC is reimbursed for their sales.
- d) Laura Baker Senior Housing request – Commission agreed that the old parsonage where the proposed Senior Housing project is to be built does not hold a significant historical value to the town. BL to respond.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 9:22PM.
- b) Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Mary Olberding, Register of Deeds
Hampshire District Register of Deeds

May 11, 2015

Bob Labrie
Goshen Historical Society
40 Main Street
Goshen, MA

Mr. Labrie,

We would like to create a permanent exhibit in the Registry of Deeds of photographs from the historical societies and associations in each of the 20 towns and cities in Hampshire County. Would you be able to provide us a copy of a photograph of your choosing that we can enlarge and display? I can be reached at frances.south@sec.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances South".

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RE: Goshen Houses and Things

From: **South, Frances (ROD)** (Frances.South@sec.state.ma.us)
Sent: Mon 8/03/15 8:50 AM
To: Bob Labrie (bslabrie@msn.com)

Hi Bob,

It was tough to choose but we don't have a general store from any of the other towns so that would be our pick.
Thank you for your patience!

Frances

From: Bob Labrie [mailto:bslabrie@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 9:44 AM
To: South, Frances (ROD)
Subject: RE: Goshen Houses and Things

Hi Frances,

I'm just going through my to do list and wanted to follow up on our earlier conversation.

Any update for me on the pictures?

Bob

From: Frances.South@sec.state.ma.us
To: bslabrie@msn.com
Subject: RE: Goshen Houses and Things
Date: Fri, 12 Jun 2015 20:15:07 +0000

These are wonderful, Bob. Thank you. I will get back to you in the next couple of weeks.

From: Bob Labrie [mailto:bslabrie@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 3:42 PM

To: South, Frances (ROD)

Subject: Goshen Houses and Things

Frances,

Attached are low resolution pictures of Goshen properties that we spoke about earlier.

I have information on all but one of the pictures. If you choose to use that one, I can get the details for you.

Let me know which one(s) suit your project. I can get you the full sized files at that time.

Bob Labrie

Chair, Goshen Historical Commission