

HISTORIC COMMISSION MEETING – February 3, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Eric Dray, Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, Char Priolo, Stephen Milkewicz, Susan Avellar

Agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from November 4, 2011.

Approval moved by Stephen Borkowski 2nd Eric Dray Vote: 3 yes 2 abstain

2. Public Statements – no statements

3. Update on Town Buildings

Library Restoration – The Library has asked the Historic Commission if the Commission would submit a request for historic restoration on the Library's behalf.

No action taken

Freeman Street – no report

Fire Station # 3 David McChesney has painted the interior and donated lighting for the new storage area. Doug Johnstone will draft a formal letter of thank you to Mr. McChesney.

Fire Station # 2 There are 4/5 antique postcard enlargements available for mounting at the Fire Station. Commission member Stephen Borkowski will talk with DPW Sandy Turner re: hanging these enlargements.

The question of having the facades of the firehouses more closely resemble each other if only by painting was also raised.

Winthrop St. Cemetery The landscape restoration is proceeding. Very few of the gravestones needed to be restored.

The Art Commission will restore the original art works to the Library. The Historic Commission needs to exercise some control/protocol over the Heritage Collection, perhaps a file similar to what the Art Commission uses.

Moved by Polly Burnell to have Commission Member Stephen Borkowski be the artifact liaison for the Historic Commission. 2nd Char Priolo Vote 5 Yes

Moved by Polly Burnell to amend the November 4, 2011 minutes to purchase at a cost of \$250 one flatdeck for the new display cabinets. 2nd Char Priolo Vote 5yes

4. Interpretive Materials The mobile phone link still needs to be placed on the web sites of the VSB, Chamber of Commerce and the PBG.

5. Heritage Collection Assessment

All artifacts, with the exception of the heavier/larger materials have been moved from the Grace Gouveia building to the top floor of Fire Station #3.

6. Oral History

Paul DeRuyter is now working on an oral history with Peter Cook. He will also be asked to complete an oral description of the art work hanging in Town Hall.

Debra Minsky has oral interviews with many local artists which she completed several years ago.

7. CPC Applications

The Commission will support the following applications before the CPC:

Cemetery Restoration- Moved by Polly Burnell 2nd Stephen Borkowski Vote 5yes

Universalist Church-Moved by Stephen Borkowski 2nd Char Priolo Vote 5 yes

Vital Records-Moved by Stephen Borkowski 2nd Char Priolo Vote 5 yes

8. Other Business

Bas Relief: Mark Almeida has informed the Commission that it will cost \$90,000 to correct the granite surround. It will cost \$60,000 to do the bronze depiction.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2012 at 9AM

Move to adjourn by Char Priolo 2nd Stephen Milkewicz Vote 5 yes