

Present: Norm Corbin, Brian Smith, Leslie Harrison, Millie Milton, Bruce Chute, Mike Duchesneau

Guests: Brian Swanson

7:00: Public Hearing on the demolition request for 9 Church Street
Cancelled due to new owner

7:30: Regular Meeting

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04

Prior Meeting Minutes

Approval will be next month

Old Business

- o Historic Bronze Markers
 - Cold Harbor Bridge
 - Ordered but not in yet
 - New owner for John Stone House
 - Need to notify new owner about the sign
 - Cyrus Gale Store
 - Ordered but not in yet
 - Old Indian Trail
 - Acceptance of updated wording
- o Cemetery Interpretive Signs
 - Norm reached out to Assabet – it would be an interdepartmental project and would need to wait 6 months or more
 - Will need to contact outside companies
- o CPA Funding Requests
 - National Register for the Howard Street Cemetery
 - Difficult to find someone to give estimate
 - One person estimated \$7K
 - Mass Historical won't accept projects for less than \$15K
 - Restoration of Civil War Monument
 - 4 quotes: \$2500-\$20K
 - There is a 50/50 grant available for cleaning veterans' memorials, can't be bigger than \$15K
- o Antique Home Owners Preservation Information
 - Dropped off information at 1 Mentzer
- o NHDC Representation on Town Committees Updates
 - Master Plan Steering Committee
 - o Dec 10 at Library – formal review of master plan in front of planning board and BOS
 - White Cliffs Committee
 - o \$350K left in budget, needs new roof, went out for bid
 - o \$400K - \$1.2M for new roof, repairs, demo, etc.
 - o Emergency request through DCAM – circumvent normal process up to \$150K to fix roof+skylight
 - o Found a local contractor to reroof the mansion for \$80K, started Monday
 - CPC Committee
 - o No update

- Letters of Appreciation
 - 1 done, 2 more in progress
- Meeting with Local Historic Districts & Historical Commissions
 - No progress this month
- Newspaper Articles
 - Meeting House Marker
 - No update
 - Gravestone Restorations
 - Article in Community Advocate online
- Northgate Neighborhood
 - No update
- Rt20 Historic Highway Signage
 - Mass DOT will make the signs, no charge, and put them up
 - Leslie moved that we become member of Historic US Rte 20 Association – business/chamber/city membership. Seconded by Brian, unanimous vote in favor

New Business

- Mail
 - No mail
- Other
 - 130 South St – realtors asking what our involvement is
 - Website – being redone through the town
 - Additional inventories discovered on Mass Historic Comm website done in the 1970s

Next Meeting Date: December 18, 2019 (change?) Keep it on the 18th

Adjournment

Leslie moved to adjourn at 8:02, Millie seconded, unanimous vote in favor.