

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

[Meeting held via Video Conference](#)

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

Guests from the Northborough Historical Society:

Ken Bennett, President

Rick Ferenchick, Vice President

Chuck Liljestrand, Chairman of the Property Committee

Chairman called the monthly meeting to order at 7:02

- **Prior Meeting Minutes**

- Millie moved to accept the minutes as is, seconded by Brian Smith, unanimously approved

- **Old Business**

- Prior CPA request,
 - Brigham Street Burial Ground - Interpretive Sign
 - Norm spoke to Scott regarding implementation
 - The RFQ for the sign is out for quotes
 - National Register for Howard Street Burial Ground & Cemetery
 - DPW has signed a contract for preparation of the nomination documents with Lisa Mausolf of LMPreservation in Reading MA.
 - \$7000 quote
- Historic Preservation Plan
 - Leslie mentioned keeping Grange on our radar
 - The plan can be formal or informal
 - Millie asked what are the parameters we use to identify preservation targets?
 - Historic Inventory and two historic preservation documents should be used as a starting point
 - Buildings, objects, structures can be included
- Archeological Sites in Northborough
 - Mike spoke to John Potter, state archaeologist office
 - Suggested that we send letter on town stationary requesting access to their files
 - Identifies 12 recorded archaeological sites in Northborough
 - The state would want to know how the maps/information will be secured to protect the sites. Locked file cabinet is sufficient.
 - Once the state receives the letter, they will invite reps from Northborough to view their files
 - They also suggested that we hire a consultant to create a report about the sites

- Norm suggested asking Kathy Joubert if the town already has information on some/all of the sites
 - Historical Society already has a collection of arrowheads and the locations where they were found.
 - Norm will ask Kathy what the town already knows and who should write the letter
 - Native American Trail Signage, Community Advocate Article
 - Norm wrote article for Advocate but has not been published yet
- **New Business**
 - New CPA requests
 - “Letter of Support” for Historical Society CPA Funding request
 - Building needs painting and small amount of carpentry
 - This is the first step, and there may be other projects needed for further restoration
 - Differs from ordinary maintenance
 - Many other similar examples of CPA funding for this type of work
 - Millie moved that the NHDC provide a letter of support, seconded by Brian Swanson. 5 in favor with Norm and Mike abstaining due to their involvement with the project
 - Signage for the newest section of Howard Street Cemetery
 - Kizer section was purchased by the town in the 1950s(?) – Norm will check the deed to confirm the timing.
 - If it was in the 1950’s, it would be considered historic and it will be added to the list for next year’s CPA funding
 - New NHDC Member
 - Bob Licht as an alternate
 - NHDC representation on the “Master Plan Implementation Committee”
 - Millie will represent the NHDC
 - **Mail**
 - No mail
 - **Next Meeting Date:** November 18th
 - **Adjournment**
 - Moved by Leslie, seconded by Norm, passed unanimously

CC: Commission Members, Julianne Hirsh, Town Clerk, Diane Wackell

Respectfully submitted
Bruce Chute