

FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES SEPT 10, 2014

Attending: Dave Despres, Chris Richard, Deb Charpentier, Wayne Oliviera, Vicki Paquette, Gary Lavolette

Previous minutes read of both 8/6 and 8/25 meetings, Motions made by Mr. Ricard and seconded by Mr. Lavolette to accept, votes both unanimous.

No financial report.

Academy Building: A discussion was made regarding the Historical Society meeting of the previous night. Mr. Despres and Mr. Richard both mentioned that in casual discussions with the Society President, the Society seems poised to move the Period Room upstairs. Mr. Lavolette stated that the Society does not have a lease. Mr. Despres suggested that an agreement be made where, in lieu of payment, the Town recognizes that the Society maintains a museum for the benefit of the Town. Mr. Richard reminded the Commission that soon the Town will have an Administrator that is responsible for the buildings. In other Academy business, Mr. Richard suggested painting the Period Room, and reported that the shade installation is complete, the invoice for which is to be signed tonight.

Fire Museum: Mr. Oliviera reports the work on the interior has not started yet, but that the contractor is willing to work during the winter months.

Ft. Phoenix: Mr. Lavolette reports that the wall has been damaged and that he has requested DPW repair it. Mr. Lavolette also reports that some of the cannon plugs were removed but have since been replaced. A discussion was made regarding the number of memorial benches at the Fort and what the official policy should be with no determination made at this time. Ms. Charpentier will contact the architects to determine progress on the parapit project. Mr. Lavolette also reported that the Fearing Plaque has been scratched.

Old Stone School: the gutter cleaning will be scheduled for this fall, and the door weather stripping will be addressed at that time. Mr. Richard reported more visitors this past year to the school.

House Plaques: 28 Middle Street was discussed with no decision made.

Other Old Business: The cherry trees at Cooke Park were discussed, with a recommendation made that

they be mulched to prevent further damage to the trunks. Possible placement of the anchors that were dredged from the harbor were discussed. Mr. Lavolette volunteered to serve on the proposed Historic District Study Committee, Mr. Despres to contact Mr. Fleurent.

Next meeting, Wed Oct 1, 2014