

FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 10, 2015

Attending: Dave Despres, Gary Lavalette, Chris Richard, Wayne Oliveira, Cynthia McNaughten, Gail Isaksen.

Previous minutes were read and accepted on a motion by Mr. Richard/second Ms. Isaksen.

Financial report was read and accepted on a motion by Mr. Lavalette/second Mr. Oliveira.

Academy Building report: the Commission discussed applying to the CPC for repainting the south and west exposures of the building. Mr. Richard reports that the Historical Society agreed to the replanting of the west half of the front garden area. Mr. Richard is to contact either John Sharples or Brian Wooton regarding cleaning of the area. Mr. Richard also reports that the led bulbs have been installed on the second floor.

Fort Phoenix report: Mr. Lavalette reported that vandalism has increased with stones being moved and trash fires started. New garbage barrels were discussed as well as lighting issues.

Old Stone School report: Mr. Richard reported that the building is now open Saturdays with 28 visitors the previous weekend. Mr. Richard also reported that the lock is sticking, Mr. Despres to address.

There were no house plaques to report.

The Bates property is awaiting completion of the survey.

Mr. Despres read a final draft of the letter sent to the Select board, regarding the Commission areas of responsibilities.

Permission to assume responsibility of the World War Two memorial will be asked of the Select board.

Next meeting Wed July 1, 2015



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May 18, 2015

Dear Sirs,

Selectman Espindola recently asked the Historical Commission to compile a list of responsibilities that fall under the purview of the Commission. The Commission was formed by approval of Article 67 of the 1971 Annual Town Meeting. This article accepted Section 8d, Chapter 40 of Massachusetts General Laws. The poor condition, and continual vandalism, of Fort Phoenix is listed as the reasoning behind the formation. The Commission responsibilities have evolved and expanded over the past four and one half decades to encompass several other Town-owned historic properties. The areas of responsibilities include, but are not limited to; Fort Phoenix, the Academy Building, the Spring Street Fire House, the Washington Street Fire Protecting Society building, the Old Stone Schoolhouse, and the Taber Wall. Various historic monuments and markers also fall under the purview of the Commission including the Rogers Memorial, Cooke Memorial and Joshua Slocum Monuments, and the Cooke Garrison Memorial. The House Plaque program is administered by the Commission, as well as the placement of other historical signage. The Commission also serves as advisors to the Select board on other matters of historical significance, including CPC historical projects.

Sincerely,



David Despres  
Chairman