

# Town of Fairhaven

Fairhaven, MA 02719

## Historical Commission

Fairhaven Fire Station meeting room  
146 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719  
August 8, 2019

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**ATTENDANCE:** Wayne Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, Gary Lavalette, Vicki Paquette

**Also in attendance:** Planning Director, Paul Foley, Town Administrator, Mark Rees, John Montano, Tom Peterman

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 7:07 pm

Mr. Oliveira announced that the meeting was being taped at cable access.

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chair read the financial report.

### ACADEMY

Chairman Oliveira updated the Commission regarding the shutters for the outside of the building. He said the shutters have been ordered and be painted a dark green color and installed with traditional hardware once they are ready.

John Montano from Clearwater Architects was in attendance to review the plans for the ADA entrance in the rear of the Academy. Mr. Oliveira reminded the Commission that this was a project that was started back in 2017 but has been delayed a bit due several setbacks. Mr. Rees said the commission received one bid for the project but the bid costs were over what was approved by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Mr. Montano will revise the architectural plans to come up with some cost effective ways to still be able to do the project with the allotted money. (Attachment A)

Mr. Rees also suggested the Commission apply for a grant to help offset the costs and will assist the commission in the grant process.

Discussion ensued on different ideas and materials to be used to create a more cost effective way to put the project back out to bid.

### TABER WALL/BATES MUSEUM

Tom Peterman from Peterman Architects, Inc. met with the Commission to discuss the remains of the Taber House that is on the Bates property on Main Street. Mr. Peterman would like the support of the Commission to rebuild the Taber House with the remaining remnants of the Chimney that is still standing. The original house was built in the 1650's but all that remains now is a small portion of the chimney. Mr. Peterman explained to the commission how important this is to preserve our history because there are not that many historic chimneys' left in the U.S. The owners of the Bates Museum would like to do some archeological digging on the property to see if the old foundation of the house

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still exists. Mr. Peterman showed some drawings and paintings that showed what the house probably looked like and how they would like to restore it. (Attachment B)

Mr. Oliveira discussed the idea with the members and explained that there are several options with this because half of the house is on town property. Mr. Peterman explained that his clients are in the preliminary stage right now but wanted to update the commission to ask for their support before they continue to move forward.

Members felt this was a good project and they gave their support.

### **FIRE MUSEUM**

Mr. Oliveira told the commission the roof at the Washington Street Protecting Society Fire house has been replaced.

### **FORT PHOENIX**

Chairman Oliveira told the commission the work at the Fort is near completion with a few small items left to finish.

### **OLD STONE SCHOOL HOUSE**

Chairman Oliveira told the Commission the exterior of the Old Stone School House on North Street will be needing some repairs and maintenance soon. Mr. Oliveira would like to apply for CPC funds for this project.

### **HOUSE PLAQUE**

There were no house plaques this month.

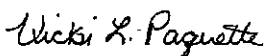
### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Oliveira discussed the old Town pump on corner of Union and Middle Street is in need of repair and he would like to see if the students at New Bedford Voke could assist in rebuilding it as a school project.

Town Planner, Paul Foley told the Commission the Planning Board is very interested in pursuing a demo delay by-law. The Planning Board and the Commission will work together on this idea.

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Lavalette seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki Paquette

(Approved on 9/4/2019)