

Town of Fairhaven

Fairhaven, MA 02719

**Historical Commission**

Fairhaven Fire Station meeting room  
146 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

October 2, 2019

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**Attendance:** Wayne Oliveira Gary Lavalette Vicki Paquette Paul Foley Town Planning and Economic Director

Also in attendance: Betsey McNaughten, Longtime Commission member Cynn timer McNaughten's daughter

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 7:13pm

Chairman Oliveira announced the meeting is being filmed by Cable Access

Meeting will proceed but not vote due to no quorum

The Financial report was read and bills were signed by the members.

No correspondence

The Chair said we will go out of order to accommodate our guest tonight.

**HOUSE PLAQUE APPLICATION**

Ms. Betsy McNaughten was present to discuss getting a house plaque for her mother's house on 48 Green Street. The house will be sold this month and Ms. McNaughten would like to have a house plaque on the property that has been in her family since 1870. Mrs. McNaughten was key in researching most of the homes that the commission has issued plaques to.

Ms. McNaughten explained her mother never pursued a plaque because she could never pinpoint the actual date the house was built and she hated using "circa" on plaques.

Ms. McNaughten discusses the research that had been done by her mother and told the Commission about the history of the home that her family lived in for almost 150 years.

Ms. McNaughten knows the house was built in somewhere between 1853-1859. The land was purchased in 1853 and then sold to Rufus Allen in 1859. And in 1870 sold to Joshua Le Baron who was the first owner for their family.

Ms. McNaughten has spoken with the Town Archivist, Deb Charpentier and it was suggested to pull a point in time to put on the plaque.

Chairman Oliveira suggested that the Commission should mark the earliest date possible that the house was built. Members and Ms. McNaughten discussed possible wording for the plaque on the Green Street House.

The suggestion for the plaque is as follows:

1859

Built by

Burgess Wilcox

2018

Cynn timer McNaughten

Historian

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Betsy will speak to her siblings and see what their suggestion is for the plaque and she and the chair will speak over the next month. The house will be sold at the end of October and Betsey will speak to the realtor and have the plaque be a contingency of the sale.

ACADEMY

Chairman Oliveira has not heard yet from Clearwater Architects regarding the ADA project and is frustrated because this project is going on for the third year. Mr. Oliveira will reach out to The Town Administrator for more information.

Chair will contact the contractor regarding the shutters for the outside windows for an update as to when they will be in.

FIRE MUSEUM

Still waiting to get in and paint this inside.

FORT PHOENIX

The flag pole is up near the anchor. The project is near complete. Mr. Lavalette will put some ideas together for a small plaque regarding the anchor. Mr. Lavalette will get a rock as a centerpiece and will have it placed near the anchor.

OLD STONE SCHOOL HOUSE

Mr. Oliveira is still trying to get a contractor to return quotes

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lavalette would like to meet earlier at 6:30 instead of a 7:00 start time.

Mr. Foley passed out some documentation regarding the demo delay by-law that the Planning Board and the Historical Commission are working on for Special Town Meeting. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing for this matter on October 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicki Paquette  
(Approved 12/4/2019)