

Pelham Historical Commission Meeting
May 21, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Joe Larson, Karl Martini, Tom Hartman, Daniel Robb, Blair Bigelow, Charles Thompson

Meeting started at 7:35 pm.

March Minutes – Martini accepted
(No April meeting)

Treasurer's Report – Thompson no action, no money spent

Old Business

CPA Projects Approved by Town Meeting

Phases IV and V of Historic Building Inventory

Joe had planned a meeting with Cathy Keyes, but it was canceled due to illness. She has to find the relevant materials (historic inventory). He should have saved it on disc. This is a sole source purchase. We have to do it in two steps. First the Phase IV and later Phase V. We also have the ruling from attorney general that there is no conflict of interest. CPA money will pay for it.

Renovation of Exterior of Pelham Hill Church/Museum

Joe send out a message on a list serve and published the notice for a paint consultant. He also send a notice directly to Sarah Case. She already responded and we have one nibble from a small firm in RI. But they didn't sound like a good fit. Sarah asking for up to but not exceeding 3K\$. She thinks there are more complex things about the outside of the church. She would like to have a lift to inspect it (front and east side easily accessible) will talk to Rick about it. Sarah expressed sincere interest in working on the project.

Motion by Tom to hire Sarah Case. (she is after all nationally known for her excellent work) unanimously voted

Cemeteries

Cemetery Commission (Buzzy Booth) is interested in restoration of some of the cemeteries. They should hold off until an expert can give an opinion what to do to preserve them correctly (the person should be professional certified), before any inappropriate steps are undertaken. Buzzy talked about stone walls, gates, fences, (broken headstones).

Fish Rod Factory Dam Display

Tom reported that it is all done. Bravo!!!!. The sign is coming soon to be installed at the overview location. Meanwhile a new dam was discovered that was becoming visible when the new stream bed was eroding upstream. It has a wooden structure. It should be easy to remove if need be.

New Business

Replacement member for Tom Hartman

Tom will maintain his membership on the commission for the coming year, while he is president of the MA architects and working a lot in Boston. He will maintain his vice-chair on the commission. Joe and Tom will go to be reappointed. The secretary will take on the posting of the agenda for the next meeting.

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Cemeteries in town were filed by prior commission in the historic inventory of the state, but we could update / upgrade that information. Joe printed out the existing materials from the state archive.

It was suggested that the Historical commission as a group hike some of the historic sites (sometime during the summer).

Monthly Updates

Historic Complex – Robb

Community Hall – Robb

Robb talked to Linda Hanscom and Lorraine about the idea of taking the Community Hall over (as a nonprofit organization), but they could not come to embrace it or show some enthusiasm for the idea. This point will come up at their next meeting.

Historical Society - Bigelow

This year marks the 50th anniversary of historic commissions in the Commonwealth

Next Meeting: 06/18/13 (third Tuesday) at 7:30pm History Room, Pelham Library

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, KM