

Pelham Historical Commission Meeting
May 29, 2014

Present: Joe Larson, Karl Martini, Blair Bigelow, Charles Thompson, Whitney Battle-Baptiste

Ramsdell Room, Pelham Library

Meeting started at 7:35 pm.

Minutes – Martini, April Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report – Thompson,
no change to accounts; one month in fiscal year left to purchase the filing cabinet

Old Business

1. **Meetinghouse Road Bridges** –no new action, no change since last meeting
2. **Cemetery CPA project**-- Joe reported that he hadn't heard from Buzzy, but Rick Adamcek called while he was away. He will return the call tomorrow.
3. **Museum CPA project** – no change since last meeting to the remaining balance in the CPA account. More carpentry work in bell chamber needs to be done (vents, outside of building, sill)
4. **Status of Inventory project** – Still have a remaining balance in the CPA account. We have in our possession all historical descriptions for the last two phases, all architectural descriptions are done also. Peggy just delivered them.
5. **Alternate Members on Historical Commissions** no change since last meeting
6. **Wooden Dam Amethyst Brook** We will discuss at June meeting with Alex future proposed work.

New Business

1. **Review of any previous projects dropped or paused** (e.g., stonewall inventory) no action
2. **Entering Historic District Signs** (Town hall, church, cemetery is a federal historic district) don't have a sign for it. Lower end of Amherst road could be designated a state historic district, but hard sale to the local residents
3. **The Mass Historical Commission revised their guidelines on "Establishing Local Historic Districts."** No change
4. Next Saturday 5/31/14 clean-up work day at town complex 9-1pm.
5. Joe had a phone with call Mary Wickwire. She had lived across from the town hall. She was cleaning her house and found some item that she wants to donate. He accepted from her donations regarding Pelham history. 1st is a record book (school or town) minutes (starting 1819 ends 1862 of district 6 . Looks like it is a town record). 2nd book a financial journal of a business in town. Plus 3 folders of assorted historical materials needs to be looked at very carefully. (going back to 1700's). Several copies of the Pelham Historical Society News Vol1,1 from 9/18/1971 Needs all to be indexed. We need also to send a letter to Mary acknowledging the receipt of it.
Joe and Charles will meet and index it all.

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6. Joe received the Minutes of the last meeting regarding the timber dam. He will email to all of us the minutes. (Proposal to remove the center of the dam for stream flow and leave the sides of it in the bank.) Included is the public permit for archeological work on the site. Also the technical proposal submitted to Stan Tech
7. Some Commission members need to be (re)appointed (Whitney, Karl, Dan), proceed on their own.

Monthly Updates

Historic Complex – Robb
Community Hall – Robb
Historical Society - Bigelow

Next Meeting: 06/17/14 (third Tuesday) at 7:30pm History Room, Pelham Library
Adjourned at 8:55 pm.
Respectfully submitted, KM