

Pelham Historical Commission Meeting
July 16, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Joe Larson, Karl Martini, Tom Hartman, Daniel Robb, Blair Bigelow,
Guest : Buzzy Booth

Meeting started at 7:30 pm.

Minutes – Martini June accepted

Treasurer's Report – Thompson no report

Old Business

Progress on CPA Funded Projects

Phases IV and V of Historic Building Inventory

Joe prepared the purchase order. Kathy Keyes should have received it. He will follow up where the paper work stands.

Renovation of Exterior of Pelham Hill Church/Museum

Bids will be opened on the 25th of July. Sara Chase will be here this Sunday afternoon. Will inspect church building from the ground, but might want to look at the upper parts also. This inspection will thus establish a baseline for the building. We will inform her that we put the same specs in the bid as for town hall painting. She should be able to tell us if we are trying to do to much. Highway Dep. will provide high ladder to get up high. Shutters are also in her purview so she should advise what we should do.

Fish Rod Factory Dam Display Installation Date and newly discovered dam upstream

The display is installed. It looks great. Tom suggests that the fence be extended so that it is safer for small children to visit the area. He will send a letter to Alex pointing out that they didn't finish the job in a way, so that it is safe for people to visit the site and enjoy the display.

New Business

Cemetery Commission Project

Joe and Buzzy had conversation about needs regarding the cemeteries, which could be addressed with CPA funding. Joe also did take some pictures of the conditions of some of the graves stones, so that we could send them to consultants to see what needs or could be done. Trees have been coming down on the walls, some gates need to be maintained and very little money is available for it. Can't just have the highway department go in with loam or shovels. Instead need expert opinions to give advice on restorations and set priorities. Should be possible to pay for it with CPA money. Joe mentioned that he found a specialized commercial Website that has the names and dates of all people buried in town (except Quakers). He will forward this information to the cemetery commission. In addition Kindahl's son several years back copied all the names from the stones that were still readable.. Buzzy suggested a visit to all the cemeteries, so that he wouldn't be the

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only one to make suggestions (Visit planned for 7/22 Monday morning 9am meeting at Pelham Hill Cemetery)

Fall town meeting warrants

Fall Town meeting is October 16th at 7pm, deadline for warrant articles is the 30th of August. Need to consider for CPA money for the Cemetery study. Vote to put warrant article for CPA funds to be used for cemetery needs study (should cost about 5-7.5K\$) unanimous

Monthly Updates

Historic Complex – Robb

Dan was at museum. The millstone/flywheel at door looked like it is corroding. (We will look at it Monday). Iron bands seem to be corroding. Let's mention it to the PHS. Blair reported that the PHS agreed for soap stone stove to be transferred to the highway department. The Highway dep. will put new glass on the info kiosk in return and clean the shed at the museum / town hall.

Community Hall – Robb none

Historical Society – Bigelow none

Next Meeting: 09/17/13 (third Tuesday) at 7:30pm History Room, Pelham Library
(note no August meeting)

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, KM