

**Pelham Historical Commission Meeting**  
**March 19, 2013**

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

Meeting started at 7:30 pm.

**Minutes:** February Meeting – Martini accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Thompson no activity

**Old Business:**

**Sign Graphics for Dam & Pamphlet – Hartman –**

The revised text was submitted to the committee by Charles Thompson. Tom will incorporate the photos into the text and will do layout work. Thank you to Charles. The sign company called about three weeks ago to confirm that we were going ahead. We will be sending the completed design to Karkoff and Alex Hackman for final review. Sign will go in front of the bench area at the dam removal place.

VOTE on text revisions- unanimously

**Community Hall Committee Award / Recognition**

No action

**New Business:**

None

**Meeting called by Cathy Martel** re archival storage. There is currently no adequate storage, even safe is not up to specs, it needs 6 hour door (i.e. need to withstand fire for 6 hours min). A dehumidifier is located downstairs in safe area, has only to run in summer for a few weeks. Selectmen are forming a committee, looking for additional office space and storage / vault space for all the town records. Joe also suggested to investigate the possibility of a position regarding genealogical research.

**Insurance** Linda Hanscom and Cathy Martel

Current situation: A meeting has to be sponsored by a town body and needs to be open to the public or the group needs to be insured to use any public building. It needs to be a business insurance if classes are held.

Museum: town meeting allowed PHS to use building as museum, our interpretation is that this is now a town sponsored event and all their activities are automatically covered. (unanimous voted)

Town Hall: town meeting, Easter sunrise service coffee, shape note singing (sometimes PHS), harvest supper. Position taken that we will cosponsor with PHS the harvest supper and Easter service coffee (open to public) and the shape note singing as ongoing historic activities.

Community Hall could it be made private, that would help with many of the issues. Dan will approach them verbally in this respect. Could be called Community Hall Group (or

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could be held by some kind of association) would give greater flexibility with regard to insurance. This model could also be used as a solution for future uses of the Pelham church.

**Monthly Updates:**

Historic Complex – Robb

Community Hall – Robb

Historical Society – Bigelow

**Other Items from Members:** All

**Pending Business** (No action since last meeting):

**CPA**

**Architectural Descriptions for Phases IV and V of Inventory** w/ Parsons- Larson

The two required public CPA meetings have been set. Announcements send to the papers. This will just work out before town meeting (Meeting dates are 4/13 in evening and 4/18 in morning) in the Ramsdell room (and will be announced in the Pelham slate also).

**Cemetery commission** will come next month to discuss their needs for restoration of grave stones etc. with the CPA.

**Meetinghouse Road Bridges-** Bigelow no action

**Next Meeting:** 04/16/13 (third Tuesday) at 7:30pm History Room, Pelham Library

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, KM