

FHC Meeting Minutes 9/11/2014

Members present: Mary Brown, Travis Bowie, Paul, Denault, Jackie Petrouski

Others present:

Correspondence Review

Received correspondence from the Federal Energy regulatory Commission regarding the Algonquin Incremental Market project. A CD was included.

Old Business

1) Village School Update –On June 21, 2014 Mary sent a letter to transfer the balance for the Village School Repairs and the Gift Account to the next years budget.

An estimate for the exterior painting of the Village School is needed.

The cost for window repair would be \$600/window (includes paint | glaze | refurbish); there are 20 windows, therefore the total to repair the windows would be \$12,000.

Mary will get 3 quotes for the painting of the exterior of the building.

The FHC discussed our options and a motion was made to restore/repair the windows and paint the exterior of the Village School.

The FHC will put an article on the warrant for the Town Meeting on 10/27/14

The police department is still interested in using a portion of the building for storage.

The FHC was never contacted with regard to the feasibility study.

The FHC will schedule a time for Mass Historic to tour the schoolhouse repairs.

2) Elm Street Bridge

The FHC will set up a time to meet on site to choose a location to place the plaque.

3) Hathaway Cemetery – we need to research, the sign still remains as identifying the cemetery at Plummer Cemetery.

New Business



1) Membership article; the town meeting articles are due by 9/19/2014 for Finance and for selectman. Nicole Bruno is interested in becoming a member. Mim is not able to attend meetings. Our committee has to have 5 members.

2) The FHC has a yearly budget, which has restricted use. Mainly office-type supplies.

3) Building at 4 South Main St. is a mid-19th century Greek Revival style. It's past uses include residence and retail. The building status is uncertain due to unpaid property taxes. The FHC would like to know the town's plan in resolving this issue.

4) The FHC has in it's possession a 1932 plaque. Mim had found it in her FHC belongings. She is not sure what building it belongs to. We need to do some research on this.

5) Library – the library trustees (?) are thinking of replacing the Hathaway library windows. We are concerned how this will be approached we will keep in touch. Possibly use the school house for library storage.

6) Town Hall concerns

7) Profile Rock – the FHC would like to give recognition, support. FHC will write a letter to our state politicians expressing our concern over the matter. A vote was taken with the outcome that the FHC is unanimously in support of writing a letter requesting help in this matter. Mary shared some photos.

8) FHC "Recognition for Restoration" – members were asked to submit properties to be considered for selection of a saved property nicely restored .

9) Waterfalls/ dam was repaired. (Spillway at Tillsdale Dam, Elm St.)

10) Our website is in need of updating. Do we know anyone who could/would help us with this?

11) We need to collect any past years photos of the Forge Pond Bridge and the Schoolhouse. There is someone who is willing to share some photos (King family).

12) Inquire as to why town stickers are being sold to non-residents. We are experiencing problems with litter etc.

TO DO:

1) FHC needs to create write-ups on town owned historic buildings or sites. Research will be needed.

2) Ideas for goals for the FHC Mary passed out a list of some examples for ideas. Next meeting October 16, 2014