FHC Meeting Minutes 11/9/2016

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Minutes from the last meeting which was held on October 13, 2016 were read by the secretary and approved by the members.

Correspondence Review

Mass DOT letter

MHC letter

Old Business

- 1) Schoolhouse status We are waiting to find out if state money will be available for the schoolhouse window restorations.
- 2) Update on the Hathaway Cemetery on South Main St.— a new sign has not yet been posted at the cemetery. Travis spoke with Mike McCue who told her they (Freetown cemetery Commission) usually try to buy them in quantity in order to receive a lower price and at this time no others have been requested. Mary inquired about the trees which have been cut in the cemetery recently. She was told that diseased trees were being cut and the wood would be removed within 2 months.
- 3) No news on the town buildings.

New Business

- 1) Following the Demolition Delay By law, all members have visited both properties requesting demolition, following the procedures spelled out. FHC members went over the checklist in the Demolition Delay By-law. A vote was then taken to demolish the building at 4 Cleveland Avenue. Based on the poor condition of the building the FHC voted unanimously allow the demolition. The property at 138 Middleboro Road meets the criteria in the Demolition Delay By-law. A vote was then taken to continue the delay on the property. The vote was unanimous.
- 2) King Philips cave update a hold based on possible Native American sites on the property.
- 3) Bandstand Improvements The concrete stairs will be fixed and the base painted when the weather allows.
- 4) #4 South Main Street There is interest in purchasing the property.
- 5) The American Textile Museum in Lowell is closing. They are looking for homes for their museum contents. The museum contains some artifacts from the Crystal Springs Bleachery/Dyeing. Is there interest in obtaining these pieces? If so where would they be stored, some are large. Also the question of a curator.
- 6) Churchill Banks Property There has been communication with Louis Berger The FHC will become the curator under Louis Berger supervision. It is a small amount of material, about a shoe box worth.

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