

FHC Meeting Minutes 6/13 /2023

Members present: Mary Brown, Nicole Bruno, Travis Bowie, Osee Mallio, S.Chandler, Jackie Petrouski

Guest: Jeff Amaral, Freetown Community Director

- I. Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.
 - A. Mary introduced Jeff Amaral to the group. He is the Freetown Community Director.
 - B. There was a review of the current FHC roster which was approved by the Selectmen on 6/12/2023. The normal term for members is 3 years. Associate member terms will now be 3 years as well.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Concerns over the Assonet Pathway panel placement. The Information Panel has been installed at the site of the Ice House foundation which is at the inner end of the path, the farthest point from the roadside. Mary will be working with Jeanne Fox regarding the panel relocation.
 - B. With regard to the painting of the schoolhouse. Dick Goodwin, a carpenter who has worked on various historic homes in the area, had provided an estimate (hourly). As of yet there has been no response/approval.
 - C. Mary will be calling Beaver tree maintenance to get an estimate for arbor work on the 2 trees in front of the bandstand. The electrical work to be done at the bandstand needs to be addressed. There are funds available for the project.
 - D. Discussion of Historic signs for properties in the Historic District. They are to be purchased from Permaline. About 13-15 signs will be needed. Members discussed and viewed samples that were presented.
- III. New Business
 - A. RE #4 South Main St – The request to put out bids for purchase of the property was passed. The FHC will create guidelines for rebuilds in the Historic District.
 - B. Town Hall windows. Members viewed the replacement window sample. There were some concerns regarding the sill depth. Chandler discussed the results of the research he did to help identify the original paint color of the town hall exterior. Findings were some deep reds, yellow and greens.
 - C. The \$500 FHC Spending Account money will be used toward the Historic District property signs.

The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Petrouski, FHC Secretary

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