

Georgetown Historical Commission

Minutes 9/13/16

Attending:

Ed Desjardin, Acting Chair
Lou Dispenza, Treasurer, Gloria Swanbon, Secretary
Joe Knapp, James Davenport, Chris Comiskey, Historical Society

Minutes

Minutes from 7/26/16 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Joe Knapp, second by James Davenport and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Lou reported that the new budget appropriation of \$1,000 is now available. There is also \$630 in the Donation Fund.

Motion to accept by Joe, second by Gloria and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Tenney Street

There is a buyer who is planning renovations that are being submitted for approval by the Planning Board. Chris thought the second floor might be removed and an addition put on the back preserving the first floor.

As there is no further action on this by the GHC this item will be discontinued.

School House Estimates

The GHC is awaiting estimates for repairs and for an exterminator.

Bryan will be asked to submit his findings at the next meeting.

Chris has invited the members to visit the school house to see firsthand the repairs that are needed.

Signage for Historical Sites/Maintenance of Sites

This is pending Phil's presentation and review.

Union Cemetery

There are any stones in need of repair. A grant request will be prepared for the coming year. A stone memorializing Sara Adams was found and returned to the cemetery. Joe is aware of where the grave is located. It will be installed when the other stones are repaired.

Historical House Survey

The Town has approved of the agreement with K. Grover Historic Associates to complete the survey.

The contract is being forwarded to K. Grover for signatures.

Joe recommended that Commission members check the properties that have been identified for survey to make sure they are still there and/or have not been remodeled beyond recognition.

Gloria will take the list of properties and divide it among the members for review prior to the beginning of the survey. This will prevent the contractors from looking for properties that are no longer there.

Byfield Cemetery

Gary Fowler is overseeing the project of installing a flag and monument. The Vets has selected the wording for the monument.

Project is moving along.

Camp Denison

The Commission had received a request from Camp Denison members for assistance identifying the whereabouts of a pest house and possible grave site for small pox victims.

Chris informed the Commission of some research she had done on the area around Camp Denison, specifically looking to confirm that there was an isolation or "pest" house on the property during a small pox outbreak. Her research did not confirm a burial ground or such pest house on the Camp Denison property but rather on property in Boxford owned by Jacob Perkins. The Commission felt that Camp Denison needed to do more research and Ed will recommend to them that they contact Chris Comiskey for assistance.

New Business

Approval of Bill for Digitizing Library Documents

A request authorizing payment for a bill for \$3,740.86 was approved by the members.

Lou will forward to Mary McManemy for payment.

Plan for Funds for Coming Year

This has been tabled

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 10/11/16 AT 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07pm

Submitted by:

Gloria Swanbon, Secretary