

## Georgetown Historical Commission

Minutes – 5/4/16

### **Attending:**

Ed Desjardin, Chair

Phil Trapani, Joe Knapp, Lou Dispenza, James Davenport, Gloria Swanbon

The meeting was being recorded. Video will be attempted at the next meeting.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes from 4/12/16 were reviewed and approved unanimously with corrections noted.

They will be forwarded to Janet Pantano for filing at the town hall.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Lou reported that there remains \$500 in the general fund and \$530.35 in the donation fund plus another \$100 donation that was just received for a total of funds available of \$1130.35.

Motion by Phil to accept and seconded by Gloria, approved unanimously.

Bills submitted by Joe Knapp:

Mowing of school house yard \$250

Motion to approve by Phil, second by Gloria, unanimously approved for payment

Purchase of 3 new flags for town park \$244

Motion to approve by Phil, second by Lou, unanimously approved for payment

### **Old Business**

#### **2 Tenney Street**

There have been many inquiries and tours by interested and/or curious parties. No sale to date; price to be reduced.

The GHC will continue to follow.

#### **Donation Fund Article**

Has been written by Joe Knapp and will be sent by Phil for publicity.

#### **Union Cemetery**

\$8,000 remains in the account.

Design for stone work has been completed. (attached) A bench or 2 will be ordered and the old one removed.

Peter Durkee is to work on removing invasives.

Many of the old stones and markers need repair and resetting. This will have to be a project for next year.

Phil will speak with Peter regarding ordering benches as he orders them for the town.

GHC will also work on a CPA grant request for next year to repair the stones/markers.

**Sprinklers at the Civil War Green**

Project pending completion.

**Digitized Papers/Documents**

Sarah Lynch, Library Director provided a list of missing town reports and newspapers. It was suggested that the list be sent to Janet McGrane, Town Clerk to see if any are available.

**Boy Scouts Eagle Award**

The Eagle Award presentation is coming up and members are invited to attend. Phil will speak to the scouts regarding continuing the cemetery project.

**Signs for Historical Sites**

Phil to see if the high school graphic arts students would be interested in assisting in the designing of the signs as a community service project.

Data regarding the Old South Church was determined not to be totally correct.

Gloria has volunteered to assist Phil in getting the project moving.

**New Business****National Register Listings**

Ed had received from the state the listing of properties on the National Register. There are 5 Georgetown properties on the register. The book will be stored at the Library for public review. There was discussion of other properties that could be listed; the paper work is considerable. Perhaps a consultant could be used at some time.

Page 170 listing the Georgetown properties will be scanned and sent to all members.

**Use of Funds for the Coming Year**

\$1,000 has been appropriated in the new budget for the GHC and will be available as of 7/1/16. At the next meeting we will review the proposals that have been discussed and initiate a plan.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, 6/14/16 at 7 pm**

Submitted by:

Gloria Swanbon

