

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION AGENDA

Approved Minutes April 23, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by chair Joyce Higgins. Present were Joyce Higgins, Sue Richardson, Sue Coleman, Eric Lutz, Wes Van Velsor, Joanne Hipp, and Brenda Ferland, Selectboard representative.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both approved and passed by the members of the commission. Invoices were approved and signed for payment.

Joanne Hipp was introduced and a vote was taken to approve her as a new member of the commission. All members approved except Eric Lutz, who abstained. Motion carried, and the selectboard will be asked to appoint Joanne to our commission.

The *Third History* was discussed. It is currently at the printer's and may be delivered during May. A motion by Sue Coleman to make the price \$40.00 with an additional cost of \$5.00 for shipping was seconded and passed unanimously. Eric Lutz questioned whether we could sell the *Second History* and the *Third History* as a package, with the price for the combined purchase being \$55.00. Brenda Ferland will discuss the issue with the selectboard and report back. After a discussion, Sue Coleman moved that the people who pre-bought *Third Histories* should receive them at the amount they prepaid; also that the one person whose book would require shipping and handling would not have to pay the shipping and handling fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Joyce updated the commission on the recent information about an early Boston Post Cane holder, John L. Tuttle. The information was found in time to include in the *Third History*. The need to update the Boston Post Cane plaque was discussed.

It was announced that the winners of the essay contest at the middle school will present their winning essays at the June 16 meeting of the Charlestown Historical Society. We need to take photos and put a photo and article in the July *Our Town*. Space permitting, it would be good if *Our Town* could also print the prize-winning essay.

Wes Van Velsor had no response to his request for a price for fieldstone pieces to be placed under the benches. He will continue to pursue the matter. The bench in front of the library will have the wood portion refinished soon.

Joyce reported that there had not been a meeting of the Town Hall Committee during the past two months.

The cannon enclosure has been measured. Sue Richardson was asked if her husband, Harland, could measure the cannon itself, since it is in storage in a fire department building.

Joyce will write the June *Our Town* article.

After an update by Brenda Ferland of the possible future changes on north Main Street, there was a discussion. Members expressed strong disapproval of the possibility of the Hassam house being torn down and generally did not approve of the proposed locations for a new Jiffy Mart and a Dollar General, as it was felt it would change the historic character of the area.

The historic plaques project will begin after the *Third History* is finished.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Higgins, Chair