

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION AGENDA

Approved Minutes May 28, 2013 Meeting

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

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.

Aare Ilves was present at the meeting and informed us that the Community Tree Committee had received status as a 501c. He requested that the Tree Committee funds remaining in the CHC saving account be removed by a check request so that the funds could be deposited in a new Tree Committee checking account. The CHC agreed with Aare's check request for \$506.16, even though it was slightly lower than Sue Richardson, Treasurer, calculated. After this check clears, all funds remaining in the checking account are the sole property of the CHC.

Joyce passed out booklets to each member containing the RSAs and other information pertaining to the Heritage Commission.

The *Third History* may arrive any day. The price of \$40 per volume was firmed up and the price for a combined purchase of the *Third History* and *Second History* at the same time was set at \$55.

Due to the current 7th grade English teacher emailing that she did not plan to have her students write essays for our annual essay contest, it was briefly discussed that we need to find another way to hold the essay contest next year. We will continue the discussion at a later date.

Wes Van Velsor announced that he has located paving stones for in front of the benches. Enough bluestone for three benches will be \$320. A vote was taken approving the payment of that amount. The stones near the 6-foot benches may possibly be only one large stone. There will be two stones in front of the 8-foot bench. The stones measure approximately 2x6x2 feet. The cost is \$8 per square foot.

Sue will have Harland measure the cannon.

Wes reported that the North Charlestown Historic District sign that had been demolished by a stolen car has been replaced in the same location as the previous sign. It looks good. We thanked him for his work in getting a new sign made and acknowledged again our gratitude to Steve Neill, the selectboard, and SCA for the funds to have the new sign created.

Sue Coleman will write the article for July's *Our Town*. She will check with Pat Royce about how to submit photos.

A discussion was held about the possibility of the Hassam house being demolished to make way for the Jiffy Mart on Main Street, and also regarding the possibility of a Dollar General locating on Fred Poisson's property. The decision was made to remain watchful and keep abreast of any developments in the situation.

Respectfully submitted:

Joyce A. Higgins
Chair

Email/Phone vote

Between this meeting and the June meeting, a phone/email vote was held on a list of people who were to receive Third Histories for their assistance. The people selected were:

Steve Neill	Silsby Library (2)
Branda Ferland	Charlestown Historical Society (2)
Art Grenier	Fall Mountain High School
Joyce Higgins	Charlestown Middle School
Susan Richardson	Charlestown Primary School
Eric Lutz	North Charlestown Community School
Marge Reed	Barbara Jones
Pat Ahern	Barbara Freese Family
Dave Conant Family	Michael Toepfer (overlay map)
Town Office	Town Clerk's Office
Fort at No. 4	

Additional free copies will be discussed at the June meeting.