DEPT./BOARD: Historical Commission

DATE January 17, 2018

TIME: 7:00

PLACE: Grandview Farm

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

New Business
Museum
Restoration
Annual Report
  Picture
Library Display
  Valentines Day/Mother’s Day

Old business
Discussion on 121 Lexington st
28 Francis Wyman Rd
House Placque’s
  Rice Hse on So Bedford St
Where else?
Other business
The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Chair, Joyce Fay. In attendance were members Toni Faria, Sandy Coveno, Kathi Horton, Peter Coppola, Mike Tredeau, Mary Nohelty and Dan McCormack. Guests present were Andrea Nemoda and Rob Costa.

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary’s Report (Sandy) was read and accepted.

Treasurer’s Report (Joyce) was read and accepted.

- Municipal Expenses: $281.01 37.6% used
- Contributions and Donations: $5,047.88 8.9% used

New Business

- Museum: Peter is working on structure changes in the museum.
- Annual Report: The Commission picture was taken tonight for the Report. The pictures for the Annual Report could include the flags in the Museum, the library displays. (Note: We will be setting up for Valentine’s Day, Father’s Day and Mother’s Day.)
- A motion was made by Peter that we purchase the 1867 “Sewall’s History of Woburn”. The Woburn Public Library has this book.

Old Business

- We discussed **121 Lexington Street**. We discussed requesting Mr. John Goff be employed to determine the historical significance of a restoration. The initial discussion would be $200 for 3 hours, including transportation.
- **28 Francis Wyman Road** was visited and found to be completely trashed.
- A gate leg dropleaf electric sewing machine was buried in the rubble.
- House plaque would be appropriate for the “Rice House” on So. Bedford.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Nohelty
A 6 Month Delay is necessary to investigate other options.

Comments from those in Attendance:

Mr. Joseph Currier said that a bank would probably not give him a loan to restore.

Mr. Currier has an option to purchase a parcel of land from Heritage Park Baptist Church.

Danielle Rakowsky, a close neighbor, spoke of her safety concerns and her children's safety due to the criminal activity in this boarded-up house. There are Police records on the criminal activity in this house.

Andrea Nemota felt it her civic duty to preserve an American Revolutionary treasure. She feels that six months is not a long time to wait for a decision. She is willing to do some research for grants and ways to work with the builder.

Rob Costa, a retired Burlington history teacher, and book writer of Burlington history would certainly be interested in preserving history in town.

Greg Irvine feels it a significant historical building to save. Mr. Irvine is a member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his family have military backgrounds and he appreciates the preservation of our history.

W.F. Feeney has been in Burlington for 58 years and member of the American Legion. He and Mr. Irvine wonder if perhaps the Legion and Lodge might help with financing in some way.

Motion to Impose Demolition Delay

Mike Tredeau showed the Section 8.3 Bylaw concerning the 6-month delay on screen. Delay can be avoided prior to 6-month deadline.

A Motion was made and seconded to impose the Demolition Delay.

Four Commission members and three Commission alternates voted unanimously in favor of a 6-month delay.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Nohelty