

FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
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Attending: Dave Despres, Bryan Wood, Cynthia McNaughten, Gary Lavalette, Wayne Oliveira
members of the public: Cathy Delano, Al Benac, Nils Isaksen

BOARD OF SELECTMAN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

Previous minutes: Read by Chairman Despres, accepted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Lavalette/second Mr. Oliveira

Financial report: Read by Mr. Despres, accepted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Oliveira/second by Mr. Lavalette.

Academy Building report: The CPC meeting is scheduled for December 17, Mr. Despres will attend to present the Academy siding proposal. The inside front door has had a new lock/latch installed.

Fire Museum report: Mr. Despres read a letter sent to the contractors working on the interior urging them to complete the work asap. The door repairs on the Washington St Protecting Society building will be repaired. A contractor has been hired to address this issue.

Fort Phoenix report: Mr. Lavalette reported that the flags in use at the Fort are deteriorating. The Commission supported his request to order four replacements. Mr. Lavalette also reported that he received a complaint as to the size of the flag flown on Veterans day. Mr. Lavalette reported that it had special significance as it had flown over a military base in Iraq.

Old Stone School: Mr. Despres reported that the gutters have been cleaned for the season.

House Plaques/Historical markers: There was a brief discussion regarding the last plaque ordered. The discussion for 20 William St. was tabled for a future meeting.

New business: Mr. Despres received a request over the holiday weekend from Ms. Delano requesting an opportunity to discuss the Select Board CPC proposal to continue with the brick sidewalk reconstruction project. Ms. Delano forwarded to the Commission correspondence (see attached) related to her opposition to the project. Ms. Delano, Mr. Benac, and Mr. Isaksen all voiced varying degrees of opposition to the project. Their main disagreement relates to the narrowing of the brick portion and whether that narrowing is consistent with CPC and Department of Interior standards. A discussion ensued between the Commission members and the three members of the public present as to whether these standards would be violated. On a motion by Mr. Oliveira/second Mrs McNaughton, the Commission voted unanimously to support the proposal as submitted by the Select Board.

Mr. Lavalette volunteered to represent the Commission at the upcoming EPA meeting.

Next meeting: Wed. Dec 16, 2015 7pm FFD.