

# Town of Fairhaven

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Present: MJ Carvalho, Gary Lavalette, Vicki Oliveira, Wayne Oliveira

Absent: Gail Isaksen, Suzan Galpin

Chairman Oliveira called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm outside at the Academy Building. All members observed Social Distancing rules.

### Minutes

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4 2020. Mr. Lavalette seconded. Vote passed

### Financial Report

The Chairman read the financial Report. The Commission finished FY 20 with 589.20 going back to general fund.

### Correspondence

Commission member Marcus Ferro has resigned due to his recent appointment to the open seat on the Board of Public Works. Mr. Oliveira will reach out to the commission to see who would like to be on the vacant seat on the Community Preservation Committee as the historical representative.

Diver Luke Peloquin contacted Mr. Oliveira regarding two canons he found while diving in the bay and would like to raise them and donate them to the town. Chair will stay in contact him to follow his progress.

### Bills

Members signed the bills.

### Academy Building

Chairman Oliveira has heard from Clearwater architects this week. Members discussed their disappointment with Clearwater at how long it has taken for the bids to go out as this has been an ongoing project for 3 years.

Chair read the two separate bids, one for the front entrance and the other for the ADA entrance in the rear to the building. Mr. Oliveira said he will be having a Zoom meeting with the architect in the near future.

Members reviewed the plans and discussed the idea of not allowing any vehicles to drive onto the property. The commission members walked around the building to get a better visual of the renovations.

### **Fire museum**

Because of COVID-19 everything was at a standstill but Mr. Oliveira would like to try to get some painting done once the weather cools off.

### **Fort Phoenix**

An outside vendor was contracted to fabricate the metal sign at the entrance of the Fort because Greater New Bedford Voke was unable to make it once school shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Costa Fabricator's recently tried the template at the pillars and hope to have the permanent sign up soon.

### **Old Stone School House**

The Commission will try to get money from CPC to renovate the Old Stone School house.

### **House Plaque**

Chairman Oliveira recently received an application from the Woodford family, owners of 38 Green Street.

Ms. Carvalho will look over the application to make sure it is complete. The family would like the plaque to read "Walter Swan Pump Maker circa 1849"

Members would like to try not to use the word "circa".

### **Demo Delay**

Mr. Oliveira said Building Commissioner Kris White has resigned and the Town is in the process of hiring a new building commissioner. Members thanked Kris White for his service to the town.

### **New Business**

Mr. Lavalette inquired about the status of the Oxford School bell and would like to meet with the Bell Committee to get an update on their activity.

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking if the Historical Commission could become actively involved in the placement of the Bell. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to adjourn

Minutes approved on 11/4/2020