

Town of Fairhaven

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 8, 2021

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FAIRHAVEN,
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Present: Wayne Oliveira, Vicki Oliveira, Gary Lavalette, MJ Carvalho, Mike Kelly, John Medeiros Selectman Keith Silva.

Absent: David Braga, Gail Isaksen

Also Present: Robert Demanche

Chairman Oliveira called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Banquet Room at Town Hall and via Zoom. All members observed Social Distancing rules.

Minutes

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2021. Mr. Lavalette seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

The Chairman read the financial report.

Chairman's report

Mr. Oliveira said the Rogers Re-Use Committee will be sending in an application to the State to place Rogers School on the National Historic Register. Commission members have reviewed the application and feel it is complete.

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to endorse the application packet to place Rogers School on the National Historic Register. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lavalette met with the Board of Public Works regarding the anchor placement at Cooke Park. The EPA is reviewing the location of the anchor in the garden, and Mr. Lavalette will provide an update at the next commission meeting. The sign that was placed at the anchor has been removed due to the size and a smaller more appropriate sign will be placed at a later date.

Mr. Oliveira sent a certified letter to the President of Northeast Maritime Institute regarding the Nimrod Cannon. As of the date of this meeting, there has been no response from President Dawicki. Mr. Oliveira said he may have to get the Select Board and Town Counsel involved.

Mr. Oliveira said since the historic street lamps around Town Hall were voted down at Town meeting, the project will now be funded by private donations and has spoken to the Town Accountant about using the Historic Commission gift account. Mr. Oliveira said he would like to see this be a community project and will seek out volunteers to do the work.

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to allow the Street Lamp project to place funds in the gift account. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Correspondence

Mr. Oliveira read a letter from Sunrise Wind regarding a wind turbine project in the bay. The notice was sent because Fairhaven is an abutter.

Bills

The members signed the Commission's monthly bills.

Academy Building

Mr. Oliveira did a walk through with the architect and created a punch list. The project is almost complete and he will tally the bills for a final payment. Mr. Oliveira said the striping for the parking lot was omitted in the plans and the ramp needs a skirt to hide the bottom.

The Fire escape needs repair.

Fire museum

The Fire Museum needs repairs. Mr. Oliveira feels this would be a good CPC project.

Fort Phoenix

Mr. Medeiros has been working to fix the flagpole. Mr. Oliveira recently tried to lower the flag to half staff and it was ready to break from the tension. Members discussed options for the flagpole and how to respectfully display the flag for September 11. Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Medeiros will start the flagpole repairs after October 1, 2021

Old Stone School House

Mr. Oliveira said the exterior maintenance will be done in the fall. The contractor is hoping the prices will start to come back down if they wait a little longer to start this project.

House Plaque

Mr. Robert Demanche met with the Commission to present 80 Adams Street for a house plaque. The house sits on the northwest corner of Adams Street and Christian Street. The house lot was originally owned by Noah Spooner and in March of 1852, Mr. Spooner sold the house to Nathaniel Benson. Mr. Benson built a house on the lot and sold it to Tyler Pierce. The Commission will review the packet for accuracies and discuss further at the next meeting.

CPC Representative

Mr. Oliveira made a motion to appoint Mr. Lavalette as the Historical Commission representative on the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Demo Delay

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

Ms. Carvalho updated the commission about the Lagoa Committee and their efforts to house the travelling exhibition from the Azores in July 2022.

Ms. Oliveira made a motion at 7:47 to adjourn. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted, ,



Vicki Oliveira
Recording Secretary
(Approved 10/6/2021)