

Town of Fairhaven

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Here:Present: Mr. Oliveira Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, David Braga, Gary Lavalette, John Medeiros, Mike Kelly, Selectman Keith Silvia and Vicki Olivieria

Present via Zoom: Natalie Mello

Aso present: Nils Isakesen

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:32

Chair read the opening statement and asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

Minutes

Ms. Mello made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. Mr. Lavalette seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Roll call vote: Mr. Oliveira in favor, Mr. Lavalette in favor, Mr. Braga in favor, Ms. Carvalho in favor, Mr. Kelly in favor, Mr. Medeiros in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Ms. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Mello in favor.

Financial Report

Chair read the financial report.

Signing of the Bills

Commission members signed the monthly bills. Because the Town is the landlord of the Manjiro House and is responsible for upkeep of the building, the Commission will be paying for an unforeseen bill due to damage from the recent storm. The Commission is also paying a partial bill to Kneeland Construction

Correspondence

The Commission will table this until the next meeting because Mr. Brady had an emergency and was unable to attend.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Oliveira said the State is trying to charge the Commission \$500 for the application to do the work on State property. Selectman Silvia will reach out to Representative Straus to try to resolve this on the Town's behalf.

Academy

Through Town Counsel, Tom Crotty, Mr. Oliveira was able to negotiate to have the contractor fix the work to the Town and the Commission's standards and once the work is complete, the

balance of the bill will be paid. Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Crotty felt it was more beneficial to keep the contractor rather than, at this point, try to find another one.

Mr. Oliviera put together a draft of the front door project and will speak to the various department heads at Town hall to get guidance on how to put this out to bid.

The Commission will look for other funding vehicles to try and complete the front steps and the walkway at the Academy. CPC would not fund those items.

Fire Museum

The Spring Street Fire Museum street needs a new flag pole. Wayne will purchase a new one and change it out.

Fort Phoenix

Mr. Lavalette stated the Board of Public Works (BPw) held a meeting recently, regarding the installation of benches at the Fort. Mr. Oliveira said the Historical Commission does not have any control about the benches and should consider going to the next BPW meeting to clear up any misunderstanding.

Mr. Oliveira said BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado has always reached out to the previous Commission Chairman Dave Depres before a bench was placed, to ask for guidance and input as to where benches could be placed. Mr. Oliveira will reach out to Mr. Furtado prior to their next meeting to discuss.

Mr. Oliveira said he would like to try to get some additional power outlets at the Fort. Members agreed to all try to help oversee the flag and the Fort area so that the responsibility does not fall solely on to one person.

Old Stone School House

Mr. Oliveira will contact Cottrill Brothers and see if the prices have come down and if the prices are not going to level off then the Commission really needs to get the work done, Mr. Oliveira will contact a mason to have the stone work done and will see about having the building painted white. The vocational students are working on fabrication a new fence

Street Lamp

Nils Isaksen met with the Commission to review the street lamp project. Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Isakesen found a few options on the lamps Mr. Oliveira would like to have a public hearing at a future meeting to gain the public's input. Mr. Oliveira showed several designs that they picked out. The Commission is still open to donations at this time for this project and Mr. Oliveira has also applied for a few grants for possible funding.

Committee Liaisons

Ms. Carvalho said the visiting panels from Lagoa will be displayed in the Town Hall lobby for residents in July 2022.

Mr. Lavalette said the CPC will fully fund the Whitfield House Cultural Center and the spring street firehouse renovation was approved.

Mr. Lavalette said he has researched the sign out front of the town hall lawn and will be working with Tourism Director Chris Richard on updating the map.

Mr. Kelly found an article about the old Moby Dick Trail and would like to see this brought back again. Mr. Kelly will do some more research and report back to the Commission.

House plaques

No house plaques at this time

Demo Delay

No demo permits at this time

New Business

No new business

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to adjourn at 7:57pm. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Roll call vote: Mr. Oliveira in favor, Mr. Lavalette in favor, Mr. Braga in favor, Ms. Carvalho in favor, Mr. Kelly in favor, Mr. Medeiros in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Ms. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Mello in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Oliveira
Recording Secretary
(approved April 13, 2022)