

Town of Fairhaven

Historical Commission

June 2, 2022

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Present: Wayne Oliveira, Gary Lavalette, John Medeiros, David Braga, Selectman Keith Silvia and Vicki Oliveira

Absent: Mj Carvalho, Mike Kelly, Natalie Mello, Gail Isaksen

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to approve minutes of May 4, 2022 Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

Chairman Oliveira said he has not received the Eversource bills for this month but will try to have the billing date changed for future bills.

Signing of the Commission Bills

Members signed the bills for this month.

Correspondence

Nothing this month

Chairman's Report

Mr. Oliveira said there may be potential office moves in Town Hall; the Commission will keep watching to make sure there are no alterations made to the building or any office.

Mr. Oliveira said Rex Monument has backed out of the job of replacing the plaque on the bridge due to the length of time it has taken the State to issue the permit. Mr. Oliveira will seek another contractor.

Mr. Oliveira would like to see if each member would "adopt" a building and watch over that location and report back to the rest of the Commission at each meeting. Mr. Medeiros will watch over the Old Stone School House, Mr. Braga will watch over the Washington Street Firehouse and Mr. Lavalette will continue to watch over Fort Phoenix, Veteran's Park and Cooke Park. Mr. Oliveria will continue to watch over the Spring Street Firehouse and the antique fire trucks.

Mr. Doug Brady, Chairman of the Bell Committee updated the Commission on the Oxford School Bell. The model of the bell housing is scheduled for July 9, 2022 to be placed on the Town Hall lawn for input from residents. The Bell Committee is encouraging residents to attend and provide their feedback.

Academy Building report

Mr. Oliveira said the door frame is ready to be put back but there is one part still missing so this will have to wait a little longer. The Front door needs to be addressed soon as it is very difficult to operate. The Bell tower will have some work done to the balusters on the railing because they were rotted.

Mr. Lavalette said a mason is needed because water is leaking into the basement near the ramp, there needs to be a footing under the bulkhead.
There also needs to be a stanchion in the parking lot to stop a vehicle from accidentally hitting the railings. The parking lot will need to be stripped.

Fire Museum

Mr. Oliveira said the Community Preservation Article is set for Town Meeting on June 18, 2022 and hoping for a favorable outcome.

Fort Phoenix

Mr. Lavalette has repainted the small cannons and done some cleanup. Mr. Lavalette spoke with the State regarding the drainage issue on the corner of the town parking lot.
Mr. Lavalette said the bunker door is in need of repair but he has fixed it temporarily. The lighting inside the bunker will need to be updated a little but there are some other options

Mr. Lavalette will be meeting with the electrician to discuss lighting options in the bunker and to add an outlet for electricity.

The grass on the parapet needs to be grown out a little bit more; Mr. Lavalette has gotten some dirt from the Department of Public Works and will replant the grass. Mr. Lavalette reported the water side of the Fort is in need of painting and the overgrown brush needs to be cleared.

Old Stone School House

Mr. Oliveira said the vocational carpentry students are currently working on fabricating a new fence and should be completed when school gets back in session.

Street Lamp Project

Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Nils Isakesen will be meeting with the lighting representative to discuss the lighting options and what would work best for keeping with the time period in front of Town Hall.
Mr. Oliveira thanked Selectman Silvia for being instrumental in getting donations toward the Street Lamp project. Mr. Oliveira is hoping to get the infrastructure done in the near future and will have the vocational students working on this project alongside Eversource.
Mr. Oliveira showed the different styles he and Mr. Isaksen have been researching.
Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Isaksen are looking for input and suggestions from the residents.

Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Oliveira said Ms. Carvalho is excited about having the Lagoa display coming to Fairhaven.
Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Oliveira, Ms. Carvalho and Selectman Murphy attended the 500th anniversary for Lagoa a few weeks ago and met the Deputy Mayor of Lagoa.

Mr. Lavalette reported that Community Preservation is not currently meeting.

Mr. Lavalette is still working on updating the map that is on the lawn at Town Hall, and working with Tourism Director Chris Richard for accuracy.

House Plaque/Historical Markers

The property at 10 Oxford Street is applying for a historical plaque on the house. Mr. Oliveira and Ms. Carvalho will review the application for next month's meeting.

Demo Delay Applications

There is nothing for demolition before the Commission at this time. Mr. Oliveira and Town Planner Paul Foley will review the current demo delay by-law and find some ways to enhance the current by-law.

New Business

Ms. Oliveira made a motion to take the month of July off. Mr. Medeiros second. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting will be on August 3, 2022.

Mr. Braga made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Medeiros seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Oliveira
Recording Secretary
(Approved 8/3/2022)