

Historical Commission

Minutes

June 7, 2023

Present: Wayne Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, Gary Lavalette, Keith Silvia, David Braga, John Medeiros.

Absent: Gail Isaksen, Natalie Mello, Michael Kelly

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Minutes

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2023

Seconded. Mr. Lavalette Vote carried.

Financial Report

Mr. Oliveira reviewed the FY23 financial amounts for the Commission and the up-to-date balances remaining in each account. Total balance in all categories: \$8,869.63

Signing of the Bills

Members signed the monthly commission's bills for Eversource \$312.67 Profishant Pest Control \$105 Veronica's Painting \$2,070.00

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Report

Made the Commission members aware of the following issues:

1. Reorganization of the Commission will take place at the August meeting when we hopefully will have a full membership. Position up for vote are Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary.
2. The DPW wants to meet with a representative of the Commission and the BPW Board to discuss Cooke Park and any change in designation as a cemetery as petitioned by Karen Vilandry. Meeting is tentatively set for July 24th
3. Reminder that the current budget ends June 30th and we need to do any remaining work before that time or encumber the funds for work not able to be performed before the end date.

Academy

The front door project was looked at by Valois & Co. Quote is for \$26,200.00

MOTION by Mr. Lavalette to go with R.P. Valois & Co. and set a limit not to exceed \$40,000 to cover any contingency items that come up along the way. Second Ms. Carvalho Motion passed. Ms. Carvalho also wanted it noted to the company that there will be a time limit set on how long the project will get draw out and there are "time constraints"

Discussion also followed on a proposal to re-shingle the building instead of clapboard on both sides and the back of the building. We would leave the front with painted clapboard to keep the federal style with shutters. This would have to be a CPC Project for funding. There was unanimous feeling that this is the direction we should pursue instead of wasting money on painting 4 sides that peels within 5 years. Shingles with a sealer would last 25-30 years.

Fire Museum

Washington St. Firehouse: Noted that the foundation could use some masonry work in the back of the building. Veronica's painting has been hired to paint the white clapboards and trim and then the green doors and windows. Total for everything is \$2,070.00

Spring St. Firehouse: Mr. Oliveira reported that inside preparation for displays is ongoing by the Fairhaven Protecting Society members who run the antique fire trucks. The back door of that building also need to be replaced. The current door is rotted at the bottom and is difficult to secure.

Fort Phoenix

Nothing new to report. We will look into adding more dirt to the top of the parapet wall and reshape the grassy mounds along with reseeding. We will ask DPW to start cutting the top of the parapet again.

We will request assistance from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office to repaint the front of the parapet wall.

Old Stone School House

DPW will be helping us with the walkway to the front door. Dean construction will be working on a better latch system for the shutters to make it easier to open & close.

Street Lamp Project

Mr. Nils Isaksen gave an update on the project: All of the lamps are up and now they are just being connected by conduit and we still have to run the wire and install a control box where the electrical feed will come in from the pole. The project will be ongoing until completed.

Committee Liaison

Lagoa Committee – Ms. Carvalho is Chair of that Committee. They are looking for more members.

House Plaques

None

Demo Delay

None reported.

New Business None

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, AUGUST 2, 2023

Motion to adjourn by David Braga 2nd Mr. Medeiros Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Oliveira
Historical Commission Chairman