

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Members present: Allan Clemons, Patty Norton, Marcus Linn and Tom Hickey

Members absent: Lawrence Mills and Teresa Santalucia

Motion made to accept Minutes of November 9, 2016 by Allan and seconded by Marcus. Passed 4-0

Motion made to accept minutes of November 28, 2016 by Marcus and seconded by Allan. Passed 4-0

Old business:

Follow up survey and planning grant application. Letter was sent to Massachusetts Historical Commission and Tom received and e-mail from Mike Stein the the pre-app was approved. We need to fill out the application at our January meeting.

Mr. McCue agreed to include HHC in the land protocol.

Mr. McCue stated the land surrounding the Bonney House has to be checked with the assessors. Tom will followup.

Mr. McCue will support a survey grant and there is some movement on getting people for the Bi-Centennial Committee.

Tom stated there is a grant of 50% reimbursable matching funds and the deadline is late March – may be used for painting the School House #4.

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Tom suggested he will followup trying to get a line item in the budget for the Bi-Centennial.

Motion made by Allan to bring to future CPC meetings regarding CPC funding of historic projects such as: Water wheel at Thomas Mill, Boulders placed at historic areas with lettering, and Celebration 2020. Seconded by Marcus. Passed 4-0 Patty to contact Laura to have items put on CPC agenda.

PCH demolition – done

COG discussion/CPC Forum

Tom states the the HHC should have a long range plan, what is important and when and to check it with open space & CPC. We influence how town budgets for Bicentennial, Heritage Markers, Water wheel for Thomas Mill, Historic boulder markers. We need the original survey cost to finish the survey. Contact Laura for CPC.

The Goals stated in their project. 1st- Preserve historic buildings and objects at Camp Kiwanee, restore and conservation of historic documents and artifacts and cemetery restoration projects.

2nd- Provide vault or other improvements as part of a library expansion to store/preserve historic records and artifacts, establish historic museum at Bonney House and complete forms to nominate specific buildings and sites to State or National Registry. We discussed Cushing House, Gad Hitchcock or Bonney House.

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3rd- Acquire/rehabilitate historic buildings to create affordable housing and move Historical Society buildings to High Street near Bonney House to create a village or "heritage park".

CPC to review historic portions.

Tom got an inquiry from Mr. McCue about the caretaker's house and gate house garage. The garage is in very disrepair and wanted to know if it was historic or could it be demolished. Mr. Bob Curren states the garage was built on cinder block and no frost protection and recommends removal as does Phil Clemons and Allan Clemons. Tom moved we write a letter to Mr. McCue stating we feel the gatehouse garage at Camp Kiwanee can be demolished. Seconded by Allan. Passed 4-0. Patty will write letter.

Other business:

Allan stated he has everything ready at the Bonney House so when Voc-Tech students come they can just shingle.

Tom suggested we publicize that we are going for a grant, and then if we get it or not, make that public. Agreed by everyone.

Motion to adjourn at 6:52pm by Allan and seconded by Marcus.

Respectively submitted,

Patty Norton , Secretary