**Hopedale Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

**Little Red Shop Museum**

**12 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts**

**Present:** Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman; Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer; Suzan Ciaramicoli, Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Barbara Kochon, Kelly Merchant, and Fred Oldfield

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman, Jonathan Chase at 7:05 p.m.

The **Minutes** of the **November 2, 2016 HHC Monthly Meeting** and the **November 2, 2016 Curator Report**, prepared by Sue Ciaramicoli, were emailed to members of the HHC on 12/7/16 at 6:38 p.m. Sue also brought copies to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Ray Andreotti and seconded by Jonathan Chase, to accept the November 2, 2016HHC Meeting Minutes and Curator Report as presented. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion about the last meeting’s minutes or Curator Report. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ray Andreotti

**November expenses - LRSM**

* 09/17/16 $ 4.69 Eversource (posted 11/3/16)
* 10/17/16 $ 95.00 Eco Systems Pest Control (posted 11/3/16)
* 10/25/16 $ 70.49 National Grid (posted 11/10/16)
* 11/10/16 $ 22.38 NSTAR (posted 11/3/16)
* 11/10/16 $ 95.51 Comcast (posted 11/23/16)
* 11/18/16 $ 19.93 Verizon (posted 11/23/16)
* 11/25/16 $ 75.19 National Grid (posted 11/23/16)

**Curator’s Report** – see attached.

Jonathan commented that “we” had a “great turnout” for Chris Skelley’s Establishing ***Local Historic Districts - Historic Preservation in Hopedale*** public presentation on Monday, November 14th. The Museum was filled to capacity. Chris said that, in the 20 years that he has done this presentation, he has never had so many in attendance.

Sue mentioned that there were a handful of folks interested in serving on a Local Historic District Study Committee. Sue suggested that prospective nominees each complete a Talent Bank Form that is used by the Town, especially since most of those interested are not familiar to any of us. Sue will send something out after the first of the year.

Sue reported that the following potential LHDSC nominees attended the Presentation: Deb Hodgens, Virginia Larkin, and Josh Otlin. Sue also reported that Laurie Keating and Adele Stock are not available to serve and that Dick Moore is willing to serve in an advisory role to the LHDSC, but is not able to serve on the Committee.

Both Sue and Jeff Ellis, Hopedale Cable, would like to obtain a copy of Chris Skelley’s Power Point Presentation.

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Sue will reach out to Milford Daily News reporter Chris Gavin to do a follow-up article for the paper about the presentation. Sue also needs to contact Jeff Ellis to get a copy of the presentation so Chris can view it.

**Hopedale Planning Board** – Sue spoke with Brian Keyes, Planning Board Chairman, to ask if we can attend the Board’s meeting on Wednesday, January 4th. They meet on the same day and time as the Historical Commission. We agreed to move our meeting to Thursday, January 5th, so that we can have our monthly meeting and attend their meeting. Sue will send out an email to all HHC members to notify them of this plan and to request that they attend the Planning Board meeting on January 4th.

**Local Historic District** – There was a brief discussion about whether to pursue including Worker Company Housing (residential properties) in the LHD. It seems that this is a potential point of contention. We discussed including:

* Seven Sisters on Freedom Street
* Bancroft Park
* Lake Point (Street)
* Dutcher Street
* Hopedale Street

Jonathan suggested we consider putting together a newsletter to help communicate to residents about LHD’s.

Sue requested reimbursement for expenses incurred for the Museum, LHD presentation, and Winter Stroll totaling $255.11 (see attached).

A motion was made by Jonathan Chase and seconded by Ray Andreotti, to reimburse Sue for expenses incurred totaling $255.11 as presented. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion about the expenses. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

**BHC Partnership Grant Project Reimbursement Status -** Sue reported that the initial reimbursement check, totaling $1,170, was deposited into a Town account on November 10th.

**LHDSC Special Meeting** – Sue did not yet prepare minutes for the meeting held on Sunday, October 16th.

Sue suggested that we purchase a rack for the storage of the chairs at the LRSM. She has done some preliminary research on the Internet and said racks ranged in price depending on the number of chairs to be stored. A motion was made by Jonathan Chase and seconded by Ray Andreotti for Sue to spend up to $200 on a rack for chair storage at the LRSM. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion about the expenses. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

Sue presented the quote for the electrical/lighting work for the LRSM from Joe Scanzaroli in the amount of $697.50. This quote does not include the cost of purchasing/installing the 8 industrial style lights from the beams in the loom room. Sue said that she will request assistance with that cost from the Friends of Historic Hopedale. The light shades alone are $55 each. A motion was made by Jonathan Chase and seconded by Ray Andreotti for Sue to make arrangements for Mr. Scanzaroli to begin the work at the LRSM.

Sue said that she will check with Steve Sette about National Grid possibly coming to the LRSM to do an energy audit. This might help to “pay” for the needed light bulbs.

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A motion was initially made by Ray Andreotti and seconded by Jonathan Chase for the meeting to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. The adjournment time was changed to 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ciaramicoli, HHC Co-Chair and Recording Secretary

Attachments