Hopedale Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Little Red Shop Museum

12 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts

**Present:** Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman; Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer; Suzan Ciaramicoli, Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary; Barbara Kochon (left at 7:23 p.m.); Kelly Merchant; and Fred Oldfield

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Jonathan Chase at 7:04 p.m.

The **Minutes of the April 5, 2017 HHC meeting**, prepared by Sue Ciaramicoli, were emailed to members of the HHC on 5/3/17 at 5:11 p.m. Sue also brought copies to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Barbara Kochon and seconded by Jonathan Chase, to accept the Meeting Minutes as emailed. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion about the last meeting’s minutes. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

**Local Historic District Study Committee** – Co-Chairman, Jonathan Chase, expressed concern about the Historical Commission including the LHDSC on its monthly agenda. Jonathan felt that it might be construed as inappropriately influencing the LHDSC with its (the HHC’s) own agenda. Discussion followed, the conclusion of which was that Co-Chairman Sue Ciaramicoli suggested that the purpose of including the LHDSC, on the monthly agenda, if not for any other reason, is for the sole purpose of keeping the HHC informed.

Jonathan reported that he had not yet reached out to Mr. Heron, retired science teacher at the HJSHS, about the possibility of serving on the LHDSC.

Sue reported that the LHDSC had not yet held its inaugural meeting. Three LHDSC members also sit on the Historical Commission. It was suggested that the LHDSC consider holding most of its meetings on Sunday afternoons. Sue asked if Sunday, May 21st, at 2 p.m., might work for those LHDSC members present this evening.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ray Andreotti

**April 2017 expenses**

National Grid - $102.26 (4/9)

NStar (Eversource) - $130.38 (4/5)

Comcast - $97.53 (4/10)

Verizon - $12.95 (4/6)

Water & Sewer - $91.38 (4/14)

Kelly Merchant - $132.00 (for snow removal – approved 3/1/17)

Sue has not followed-up with Town Administrator Steve Sette to see if the Town will do shoveling at the Museum next year, as they do for the Library.

Sue submitted a reimbursement request for $197.94. This represents reimbursement for the purchase of 6 cellular shades and 6 valances for the windows in the Office at the Little Red Shop Museum. It is our goal to hang more “artwork” in the Office. The cellular shades would block sunlight that would be damaging to the artwork. A motion was made by Fred Oldfield, and seconded by Kelly Merchant, to reimburse Sue for the 6 cellular shades and valances for the windows in the Office at the Little Red Shop Museum. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

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**Friends of Historic Hopedale** - Sue reported that she attended the Friends of Historic Hopedale meeting on April13th. During this meeting, FoHH President, Bev Carver asked whether Sue had any further follow-up discussion with Town Administrator Steve Settee about the 2013 **engineering study** done by Gale Associates. Sue reported that she had not. Bev is still awaiting recommendations from her engineering contacts, who are reviewing the study emailed to her by Sue last month. Bev reiterated that she would like to meet with Steve Sette and Sue to see if we might be able to resurrect this Project.

The Friends have endorsed a new fundraiser proposed by Tracey Philips. She will approach the Parks Commission for their approval, as she hopes to have a **Fairy Walk** in the Hopedale Parklands. The tentative date is Saturday, June 10th.

The Friends would like to hold another **Coffeehouse** at the Museum. They have proposed Friday, September 15th, the evening before Hopedale’s Day In The Park.

The Friends hope to hold another **Pond Side Fire**, possibly at the end of the school year or summer.

The Friends are considering holding a **Fall Beer/Wine Tasting**, possibly close to the November timeframe.

The Friends are launching a **new website**. They have enlisted the assistance of two students at Hopedale High School. The hope is that it will be maintained by students from year to year. This helps launch a means of being involved with the schools.

The local **Opiates Task Force** will distribute a custom logo backpack to Hopedale Seniors prior to the Prom with items also containing its logo; a water bottle, sunglasses, and literature about “prevention and dealing with addiction in light of the local and regional opioid crisis.” Additionally, the Task Force is sponsoring a visit in the fall by Dr. Ruth Potee as well as the “In Plain Sight” program.

**Dr. Ruth Potee** is a Family Physician and Addiction Specialist who speaks on "Addiction - the New Crisis Plaguing our Families and our Communities." The **“In Plain Sight”** presentation, only for adults, attempts to illustrate to the audience the many creative ways employed by today's young people to avoid detection by their parents of their substance abuse.

For the time being (at least during the warmer months of the year), the **Friends of Historic Hopedale will once again begin holding its meeting monthly at the Little Red Shop Museum.** The Friends have met at Atria Draper Place since April 2012.

**Historical Commission Endorsement for Appointment** – Sue reported that she had met with a prospective candidate for appointment to the HHC, Jesse Conant. She shared information from the Talent Bank form submitted by Jesse and from the almost 1-hour meeting with Jesse held on Thursday, April 27th. Based on Sue’s recommendation, the HHC endorsed his appointment and granted Sue permission to make the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at their next regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Fred Oldfield and seconded by Jonathan Chase, to endorse Jesse Conant for appointment to the Historical Commission. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

**Flag Day Ceremony 2017** – Sue reported that she had reached out to Tom Beder about the status of planning for the Flag Day Ceremony held annually at the Little Red Shop Museum. Tom Beder succeeded Tom

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McGovern, as Chairman of the Event, at the conclusion of last year’s ceremony. Tom agreed to meet with Sue to begin the planning process. Tom said he will contact Police Lt. Don Martin about helping once again this year. Sue requested endorsement/sponsorship of the event by the Historical Commission. A motion was made by Fred Oldfield, and seconded by Ray Andreotti, for the Historical Commission to endorse/sponsor the 8th Annual Flag Day Ceremony at the Little Red Shop Museum on Wednesday, June 14th. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

Sue asked for the Historical Commission to sponsor her attendance at the upcoming **2017 Massachusetts History Conference** in Worcester on Monday, June 12th. Sue would like to attend with Bancroft Library Director Ann Fields. Of particular interest to Sue is attending a workshop on digital storytelling. Sue and Ann have had discussion in the past about collaborating on a program to digitize historical documents and photos about, and for, the Town. The cost of attending is $90. A motion was made by Fred Oldfield, and seconded by Kelly Merchant, for the Historical Commission to sponsor Sue’s attendance at the **2017 Massachusetts History Conference** in Worcester on Monday, June 12th. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

Sue asked for the Historical Commission to approve renewal of our lapsed membership to the AASLH, the American Association for State and Local History in the amount of $115. Co-Chairman Jon Chase shared that it was important for us to continue a relationship with this organization. A motion was made by Jonathan Chase, and seconded by Fred Oldfield, for the Historical Commission to renew its lapsed membership to the AASLH, the American Association for State and Local History in the amount of $115. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any further discussion. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

Sue reported that the Museum was open additional ours for the Third Grade Annual Hopedale History Scavenger Hunt Project – April 14, 17, 21, and 24. Four third grade classes will come to the Museum on a “walking field trip.” Two classes are scheduled to attend on May 11th, with the other two classes scheduled to visit on June 2nd.

Sue reported that Electrician Joe Scanzaroli had completed the first phase of the electrical work. This portion of the work will be paid for by the Friends of Historic Hopedale and will come from funds they voted to allocate in support of the Museum’s BHC Partnership Cataloging Project. These funds have also been utilized to cover the professional framing of some of the Museum’s artifacts. The Friends have pledged $3,500 in support of extending the” benefits” this Project.

Sue reported that she and Karen Pendleton had attended the **BHC Volunteer Appreciation** event held at Southwick Zoo last evening. Karen introduced Sue to Carol Dandrade, a fellow artist, who also happens to be a BHC volunteer. Carole is interested in possible helping us at the Museum, especially with photographing of our historical artifacts. Sue will follow-up with Carol.

A motion was made by Fred Oldfield and seconded by Kelly Merchant for the meeting to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ciaramicoli, HHC Co-Chair and Recording Secretary