**Hopedale Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 6, 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; Barbara Kochon; Kelly Merchant

Absent: Frederick Oldfield, III

Guest: Dave Gugliami (Hopedale resident)

The meeting was held at the Bancroft Memorial Library due to the power outage affecting the Little Red Shop Museum.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman, Jonathan Chase at 7:11 p.m.

Welcome to our newest Commission Member, Barbara Kochon. Barbara was appointed at the June 20, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Sue Ciaramicoli, Kelly Merchant, and Fred Oldfield were all reappointed for another 3-year term at this meeting as well.

The **Minutes of the June 1, 2016 HHC meeting**, prepared by Sue Ciaramicoli, were emailed to members of the HHC on 7/6/16 at 5:23 p.m. Sue also brought copies to the meeting for review. It was noted that May expenses were omitted in the minutes (see items below). A motion was made by Kelly Merchant and seconded by Barbara Kochon, to accept the June 1, 2016HHC Meeting Minutes as emailed and amended. 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.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**May expenses -** omitted from June’s minutes

* 4/29/16    43.61   Eversource
* 5/10/16    107.47   National Grid
* 5/10/16    129.50  Comcast

**June expenses**

* 6/28/16  19.00 Eversource
* 6/09/16   64.58 National Grid
* 6/10/16 110.91 Comcast

A motion was made by Sue Ciaramicoli and seconded by Barbara Kochon to pay Kelly’s Cleaning for cleaning the LRSM in the amount of $100. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any discussion about the expense. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

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**Additional reimbursements:**

A motion was made by Barbara Kochon and seconded by Kelly Merchant to reimburse Sue Ciaramicoli, in the amount of $155.88, for the annual web service hosting by Hostmonster for the LRSM website. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any discussion about the expense. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Kelly Merchant and seconded by Barbara Kochon to reimburse Sue Ciaramicoli, in the amount of $400.99 for a new HP OfficeJet Pro 8740 printer ($299) and ink for the printer ($101.99 ink), purchased (in particular) for the LRSM BHC Partnership Grant Cataloging Project. This purchase, by the HHC, will also serve as an in-kind donation (from the Town) for purposes of the BHC Partnership Grant. Jonathan asked if there needed to be any discussion about the expense. There being none, and none opposed, the motion passed.

Sue will contact Town Accountant Julie Costello to determine the amount of funds remaining in the FY 2106 budget.

**BHC Partnership Grant**

* There were no work sessions held in May, June or to-date in July.
* **Partnership Grant Project Reimbursement Status -** Sue contacted Megan DiPrete, BHC Deputy Director, regarding the parameters for the reimbursement. She was expecting a signed reimbursement request by June 15th. Sue questioned Megan in that she gave the impression that we did not have until January 1, 2017, as was previously agreed to in a meeting between Megan, Jonathan and Sue in April. She agreed that she had overlooked this change. Sue will prepare a new reimbursement request for Jonathan’s signature to exclude the cataloging volunteer hours from this request.

**GO! Event** – September 17th – brochures by the BHC are in process. No further update. The Little Red Shop Museum is sponsoring this event.

**Miscellaneous still needing follow-up:**

* Wesley Hixon re potential artifact donations to the LRSM
* Mr. William Savory, who has a portrait of Dorothy Draper Gannett (sister of Bill Gannett), that was painted by the artist William Draper around 1940. He would like to donate it to the LRSM.

**Flag Day** – It was a wonderful event.

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**Trademark Room Bookcase Project** – No progress.

**New *Town of Hopedale* Website** – HHC Minutes and Agendas for 2016 (to-date) have been uploaded.

**Third Grader Walking Field Trip Visits:**

* Wonderful! Two classes on Wednesday, June 8th: two classes on Friday,
* Photo Shoot; for publicity for NPS, BHC, and local newspapers; with two teachers and ten students on Thursday, June 16th.
* Thank you note from the Third Graders was received.

**Local Historic District**

Several members of our HHC attended the June 20th BOS meeting during which Jennifer Smith; Management Assistant, Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park; made a Power Point Presentation about Hopedale’ role as part of the BRVNHP and the need for a Local Historic District. During this meeting, we requested that the BOS begin the process by voting to pursue the formation of a Local Historic District Study Committee. The vote having taken place, we will now begin the process. Additionally, the HHC held a Special Meeting on June 29th to begin the process of brainstorming the process of reaching out to prospective members. Some prospects were discussed. The minutes from that meeting have not yet been prepared.

At that Special meeting, Barbara agreed to draft the letter that she has presented this evening; one that can be sent out to prospective members for a Local Historic District Study Committee.

Dave Gugliami (Hopedale resident) attended our meeting in hopes of finding out whether having a LHD designation would help to provide funds for the Hopedale Pond and Parklands. Dave recently attended an event at Hopedale Pond that was sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and learned enough about the prospect of having a LHD, that it prompted him to attend our meeting for more information. Dave is a long-time Hopedale resident and has done research in the past on behalf of the Parks Commission.

* Sue reported that she had sent “thank you notes” to last meeting’s guests: Mike Roughan, Claire Wright and Nancy Stevenson from Hopkinton’s HHC. They had come to share their thoughts and experiences about Local Historic Districts.

**Quotes**

Sue had obtained quotes from Brian Burke and Tom McGovern for additional equipment and services for the Cataloging Project

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**Other**

Ray mentioned that Dan Malloy had mentioned that there are historical portraits and pictures in the attic of the Town Hall, once hung for public viewing. Barbara and Ray offered to meet with Town Administrator, Steve Sette, to determine if the HHC could help with the possible restoration and placement of these portraits/pictures for public viewing once again. It was mentioned that this would make Dan Malloy very, very happy.

A motion was made by Sue Ciaramicoli and seconded by Ray Andreotti for the meeting to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ciaramicoli, HHC Co-Chair and Recording Secretary