**Hopedale Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 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; Barbara Kochon (7:09 p.m.); Kelly Merchant, and Fred Oldfield

**Absent:** No HHC Commission Members were absent

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

The **Minutes of the August 3, 2016 HHC Monthly Meeting**, prepared by Sue Ciaramicoli, were emailed to members of the HHC on 9/7/16 at 6:12 p.m. Sue also brought copies to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Ray Andreotti and seconded by Fred Oldfield, to accept the August 3, 2016HHC Meeting Minutes as presented. 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.

The **Minutes of the August 18, 2016 HHC Special Meeting**, prepared by Sue Ciaramicoli, were emailed to members of the HHC on 9/7/16 at 6:09 p.m. Sue also brought copies to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Jonathan Chase and seconded by Ray Andreotti, to accept the August 18, 2016HHC Special Meeting Minutes as presented. 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**

**August expenses**

* 8/10/16 $ 110.76 Comcast
* 8/10/16   $ 90.89 National Grid
* 8/29/16  $ 19.00 Eversource

**Curator’s Report**

The **Museum** was **open to the public** on **Sunday, August 14th and Sunday, August 21st**.

**Go! Event** - Sue attended the Go!Orientation on August 17th, at the BHC offices in Whitinsville, in preparation for our role in the Go!Event planned in conjunction with Day in the Park to be held on September 17th. The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. that day. Bonnie Combs, Marketing Director at the BHC, is co-hosting this event with us, and will set up a table outside the Museum to share information about the new National Park, the Blackstone Heritage Corridor partnership with the National Park Service, and the BHC’s ongoing initiative of “Trashing Responsibly.” Although not a resident of Hopedale, Bonnie has been an active

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volunteer here in Hopedale, several times picking up litter in the Parklands and, pulling weeds and picking up litter around the Little Red Shop Museum.

Sue asked for volunteers to help staff the Museum for the Go!Event.

On August 19th, Sue provided Chris Gavin, Milford Daily News Correspondent, with documentation about the requirements for appointing a Local Historic District Study Committee (LHDSC) so that he can correctly report on this topic

Sue attended the **100th National Park Service birthday celebration** at River Bend Farm on Thursday, August 22nd.

Sue reported that the **bookcases** were installed in the Trademark Room on Saturday, August 27th by volunteers Tom Beder and Tom Demarzo. The materials, solid maple, were donated by Ed Tarca Construction in Hopkinton. Tom DeMarzo, an employee of Tarca Construction, donated his time to build the bookcases and to help Tom Beder install them. Sue will be ordering a plaque for Mr. Tarca to display at his place of business. Additionally, Sue will order a small plaque to attach to the bookcase thanking Ed Tarca Construction, Tommy Beder, and Tom DeMarzo.

Sue asked Kelly Merchant if she could have her brother provide an estimate for painting the bookcases.

**BHC Partnership Grant Project Reimbursement Status -** Sue has not yet prepared a new reimbursement request for Jonathan’s signature to exclude the cataloging volunteer hours from this request.

**Miscellaneous needing follow-up:**

* Wesley Hixon regarding potential artifact donations to the LRSM
* Thank you to William Savory, who donated a portrait of Dorothy Draper Gannett (sister of Bill Gannett), that was painted by the artist William Draper in 1941.

**Historical Portraits, Frames, and Pictures - Town Hall**

The HHC still needs to investigate the cost for restoring these historical treasured portraits. Jonathan had no progress to report at this time on his offer to investigate funding sources for the aforementioned restorations - Bank of America (BOA) (non-profit grant), Getty Foundation, and Kress Foundation. Additionally, he offered to write the grant requests.

Sue took photographs of the portraits and looked for the other artwork in Town Hall that previously hung in the hallway. We still need to seek out art restorers. Ray had no progress to

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report at this time on his offer to check with the Library and Community House about who they used recently. We still need to identify each portrait by year, artist, subject, condition, and historical significance. We need to prioritize the portraits in accordance with their condition.

A motion was made by Fred Oldfield and seconded by Barbara Kochon for the meeting to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ciaramicoli, HHC Co-Chair and Recording Secretary