

Groton Historical Commission
April 12, 2018
Groton Town Hall
7PM

Present: Michael LaTerz, Michael Danti, George Wheatley, Paul Keen, Bob DeGroot

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Bob DeGroot
2. Bob provides an overview of the CPA applications that the CPC is recommending to Town Meeting. Discussion centers around the two historical applications; the Old Meeting House, and Mural Preservation, their cost, and the impact on future historical CPA applications.
3. Prescott House discussion: Committee agrees that the Groton Historic Districts Commission and Groton Historical Commission need to discuss options on how best to approach the preservation of this structure. Bob agrees to meet w HDC/Peter Benedict.
4. Fishbone property (95 Main St) update: Michael Danti will visit this site soon now that snow has melted. Will conduct a more thorough inspection of the subsurface structure, then will prepare a Form D to file w MHC.
5. Invoice for National Register project at Old Meeting House is reviewed and signed.
6. Prescott Stone discussion: Committee agrees that the memorial plaza gifted to the Town needs to be saved. HistComm needs to contact HDC re plan to move Prescott Stone from one historic district to another needs to be communicated. Bob will contact Peter Benedict to notify him.
7. Grant discussion continued to next meeting
8. Daniel Reed Whiting Foundation-digitization- ask Daniel for his opinion on approach. Will need an inventory understanding. What metadata will be used? Will probably need 40-50k to start. How have other towns done similar? Call MHC? Concord, Lexington, Town archives.
9. Write to Valerie Best re request for subsurface non-invasive inventory using GPR to conduct. CC Michael Danti on this note so he can add additional GPR commentary.
10. Traffic Study on Old Ayer Road at Main St intersection. Prescott Common is within historic district. Will need to create a Form B area form for this.
11. Need to contact J Garside to continue w Historic Marker project.
12. Demolition of house on Pleasant St. Need to speak w Building Inspector
13. Motion made by George Wheatley to adjourn. Second by Michael Danti. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.