Meeting Minutes
Groton Historical Commission
May 3, 2018
Groton Town Hall
7:00PM

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

In memoriam: Michael Roberts

1. Bob DeGroot called meeting to order at 7:02PM.

2. Committee discussed First Parish CPA application which has been removed from Town Meeting warrant.

3. Committee discussed the Prescott Common and the need for Form A for that area prior to Indian Hill facility opening. The goal of the Form A is to protect the common from any development. George asks when the term “common” was first officially used to describe this area. Committee agrees to look into the funding required for this Form A.

4. Committee discusses response to our note that was rec’d from Valerie Best. Decision is made to not make any additional inquiries about this property until the matter regarding her family parcel is resolved in court.

5. Michael Danti provides an update on his ongoing discussions with the Fishbone family regarding the feature on their property. It’s unclear at this point what exactly that feature was once used for. The Fishbone family has given Michael their permission to further document the feature prior to backfilling this area in their front yard.

6. 9 West Main St permit application is discussed. Committee feels strongly about the need to document the interior/exterior of this building in West Groton. Bob indicates that he has informed the FOI process of HistComms requirement to get this information before any renovations can begin.

7. Committee reviews demo permits for 62 Gratuity Rd and 100 Boathouse Rd. Determines there to be no historical significance to either structure and approves applications for demo permit.

8. Mike LaTerz updates the committee on the updates to the Town’s website that he is proposing for the HistComm web page. Committee approves his proposed changes and authorizes him to move forward w Town IT dept to make these changes.

9. Committee continues it’s discussion on making changes to the existing demo delay bylaw.

10. Motion to adjourn is made by George, and seconded by Paul. Motion to adjourn carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 8:52PM.