

Meeting Minutes

Groton Historical Commission

February 27, 2019

Groton Town Hall

7PM

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

Guest: Bruce Easom

Meeting called to order a 7:06PM

1. Agenda amended; Bruce Easom presentation is now item 2
2. Presentation from Bruce Easom who represents the Groton Conservation Commission at this meeting. Bruce updates the committee on the status of the Moore property. Asks if HistComm would be interested in helping to locate graves. Conversation to be continued.

Next part of presentation Bruce represents Prescott School Rehab Committee. He provides an overview of the Prescott School rehab project and his committee's application for CPA funding, and Mass Historic funding. Explains that Prescott is on State and Federal Registers. So these apps require Hist Comm letters of support. Degroot entertains a motion for the committee to write these letters of support. George seconds. Discussion: None Committee votes to provide letters of support by unanimous vote 5-0. agrees to CPC and Mass Historic. MHC letter will be sent to Wm Francis Galvin; Mass Historical Commission; Prescott School Grant.

3. George Wheatley makes a motion to write a letter of support for Don Black's CPA funding application. Michael Danti seconds.

Discussion: Letter should include the following comments:

- Prefer and Advise that a subsurface survey be performed in order to accurately map the cemetery
- Headstones have been moved in Potters Cemetery.
- Any mapping must be based on a geophysical survey in order to properly locate subsurface remains
- Also mention the need for renovation preservation of the historic white structure located along Chicopee Row
- Priorities of the current project are not in line with accepted historic preservation standards. Prefer to see the White House as key component of this exercise.

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this letter to Don Black regarding his CPA funding application.

4. Letter of Support for the Groton Public Library CPA funding project. George makes a motion to write this letter. Michael LaTerz seconds. Discussion; none. Committee votes 5-0 in support of writing this letter of support to the GPL.

5. Prescott Common: Paul is continuing research efforts. No issue if the Common is rearranged.

6. Michael Danti makes a motion to adjourn. George seconds. Committee votes 5-0 to adjourn the meeting. Meeting is adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Next meeting March 13, 2019.