

Groton Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Groton Town Hall
22 August, 2019

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

Guest: Bob Anderson

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

2. Acceptable methods of funding house preservation efforts

- Moving House: too costly, major investment
- Moving house in town for a residence; major logistical effort
- Moving thru dismantling; rebuild without major upgrades; cost estimated at \$600k minimum

To keep the house on site is also very costly... Indian Hill is a 503C company. 50% of the budget is through donations; soliciting donations is limited by law. So for Indian Hill to fund restoration/preservation will be very difficult

- Public Access is discussed
- Surrounding land-100 acres approx- is under Agric Preservation Restriction
- There are security issues, compliance, etc to consider when considering public/private options
- Indian Hill currently meeting w an architect who will bring in a preservation contractor to begin estimating costs for public and private options

3. Student Archiving project update- Mike LaTerz said that Lindsey and Ethan have done an amazing job. All available CDs containing Town info on births, deaths, town meeting info, have all been preserved.

4. Townsend Road update- George Wheatley spoke to the historic nature of the site; primarily Native American activity he said. The proposed site assessment will take 1/2 to 1 day to perform w subsequent write-up taking a few hours. Public Hearing for the has been continued until 12 Sept.

5. Prescott Stone update: ideas for landscaping around this are being discussed

New Business:

Allen King presents information on legal use of metal detectors on town property

George Wheatley makes motion to adjourn

Mike Danti seconds

Motion carries by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM