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TOWN OF NORTON**Norton Historical Commission Minutes**

Date: March 12, 2015

Time: 6 PM

Meeting Location: Atty. Daniel Rich's Office - 250 East Main St., Norton, MA 02766

Committee Members Present: Chris Cox, Ellen McGrath, Dan Rich,
Kathy Ebert-Zawasky, and Butch Rich

Members Not Present: Christen Foote, Peter Hunt

Guests: John Silva and Joyce Marshall (*Norton Historical Sites and Trails*)

I. The meeting was called to order at: 6 PM by Chris Cox

II. Minutes from the previous meeting: not available.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

III. New Business

1. Town Square/ Town Common Reconstruction & Beautifying Project

Key items were discussed by the attendees:

- a. Condition of the wrought Iron Fence around the common. The fence has suffered much damage and may be too costly to repair. The mold which had been used to make the antique fence does not exist. Suggestions were to replace fence with granite posts similar to those surrounding the church across the street from the common. John Silva recommended that enhanced computer software may be able to duplicate the structural form of the wrought iron fence.
- b. Butch Rich said the Town Common Committee has several layout plans in the works. The committee has discussed moving the gazebo to the center of the common, as well as moving the watering trough, adding a sidewalk surrounding the common, an underground irrigation system, and street lights. Kathy Ebert-Zawasky suggested having a clock on the common similar to the one which is a famous landmark in Bar Harbor.
- c. Butch Rich commented a lot of money has been given to the project from private donations and businesses and no money is coming from the town finances.
- d. Butch Rich said the Historic District Committee will make the final approval

before the project begins.

- e. John Silva offered his services as an arborist in treating and assessing the conditions of the trees on the common.
- f. The next Town Common Beautifying Meeting will be held at Keith Silva's office at the Highway Dept. on March 30, 2015. The Norton Historical Commission as well as anyone interested in the project is welcome to attend.

2. Campbell House Restoration Project:

DCR Curatorship Proposal of the Campbell House by John Silva

John Silva remarked that possibly a solution to restoring the Campbell House would be having the house leased to someone who could restore the house while living there. Chris Cox asserted that this proposal had been discussed before as a *counter-suggestion*. He did not think at this time it is the goal of the Historical Commission.

- b. Dan Rich said no progress has been made in filing for a *Friends of the Campbell House* group, with non-profit C501 status. Chris Cox said it is very necessary to get this moving, as there are vast resources available.
- c. Discussion of a May work party at the Campbell House. Possibly holding the work party on the same day as Norton holds its clean-up day. Butch Rich said he would contact the superintendent about having a truck and dumpster available. Chris said he would get in touch with Peter.

3. Annual Historical Commission Report

Chris Cox said he submitted the Norton Historical Commission annual report to the Norton Town Hall.

4. Joyce Marshall discussed the April 25th tour in Norton

Joyce Marshall said locations include Wheaton College President's House, Mary Lyons House, King Phillip's Cave, the Devil's Foot, and the location of the Wetherall House near the First Settler's Cemetery. Ideas to make the tour run smoothly included having a hand-out program and refreshments. Possibly find out the availability of the Old School House or the Campbell House to host refreshments. Those who plan to narrate at the sites could be in period clothing. Kathy Ebert-Zawasky said that a time-table would be helpful to arrange the Land Preservation Society representatives to be present at King Phillip's Cave to talk.


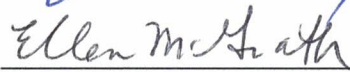
5. First Settler's Cemetery




John Silva remarked that he noticed from the distance that the tree lines look different than he recalled last fall of the First Settler's Cemetery. Work has been held-off because of the snow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Chris Cox said that email communications will go out in April about assisting Joyce Marshall's Tour of Norton Sites.

Submitted by Ellen McGrath

Minutes Approved by Committee on: (Date) May 14, 2015
Signatures:

 - Christopher Cox Chairman
 - Ellen McGrath Secretary
Chairman, Norton Historical Commission
(Name) (Title) (committee)

 — DANIEL M RICH, member
 - KATHLEEN EBERT-ZAWATSKY
Member
 — Christen Foote, member