

Norton Historical Commission
Norton Municipal Building
70 East Main Street
Norton, Ma 02766

Meeting Minutes – 22 Jan. 2015

The monthly meeting of the Norton Historical Commission was held at 6 pm at Daniel Rich's office located at West Main Street, Norton, with the following present:

Chris Cox
Daniel Rich
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Ellen McGrath
Peter Hunt
Joyce Marshall
Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky
Christen Foote

Chris Cox called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Old Business –

Peter read the minutes from the Dec 4th 2014 meeting and they were accepted.

New Business

Chris presented an application from Old Station Outdoor and Landscape Supply, Emerson Martin, owner for two Historical Markers for the old Norton rail road station. Butch said the name on the marker should read "East Norton Rail Road Station". Chris will mention that change to Emerson.

Joyce then updated us on the 1st Burial ground. She has not gotten the actual permit from the Mass place that gives out those permits but she has been doing more work there but says she needs some help removing some of the larger logs. She said there has been additional vandalism at the ground and showed some photos. More stones are now down than standing and the perimeter fence has more damage. We discussed the vandalism problem and decided to at least add an official looking "No Trespass on severe pain of death" or something like that. Dan will see Keith about getting a couple signs made up.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris Cox", located at the bottom right of the page.

Joyce then talked about the spring/summer walking tour to be put on by Historical sights and Trails including possibly trying to get a tour of the President's house at Wheaton and the old library etc. Other sites would be Mary Lyon Hall, Whetherell site, Devils footprint, King Philip cave, Defiance Bleachery etc.

Chris then talked about Campbell House and says two things really needed real soon: 1) the 501C non prophet thingy so we can get monies and 2) the need to show some work going forward. We discussed this and Peter will generate a report for next meeting on costs and labor needed to eradicate the modern addition and what it would cost to put proper looking windows in front. A tentative work party is planned for about April 11th hopefully.

A date of Feb 19th 2015 6pm at Dan's office was decided for the next meeting.

Chris Cox closed the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Peter Hunt
Acting secretary