

Randolph Historical Commission

FINAL

Minutes of Meeting July 21st, 2010

Present:

Meeting was reconvened at 7:00pm at Stetson Hall

Present: Chairman Henry Cooke, Susan Ryan, Alan Banks, and Mary West.

Absent: none

Excused: Lallie Falls, Lesly Freed and Joe Griffin

Minutes of June 23rd, 2010 meeting: accepted

Correspondence:

- Brochure from National Alliance of Preservation Commissions conference July 28th thru Aug 1st in Grand Rapids
- Invoice from Menders, Torrey & Spencer Inc
- Email from Jim Andrews of Mequon, WI regarding Raymond Prunty MacGerrigle ancestral information request dated June 29, 2010

Reports:

- Design review board – no report
- Community Preservation Commission – Randolph Women's Club sent a letter to Rich McCarthy and CPC on 6/21/10 regarding initiative to make the Belcher House more community friendly. They are planning events for the Belcher House to be open to the public at no charge for flu clinics, blood drives, monthly house tours, book clubs, adult education, etc. The application for CPA money in FY11 was not approved because of the huge amount (>\$1 million), lack of deed restriction for previous work, lack of public benefit (except to the exterior from the streets & sidewalks).
- 592 North Main Street & Free temporary Storage –donated storage space on North Street for the items now in the barn is available, however plastic containers are needed to prevent insects. We will meet on Aug 11th (evening) at 592 North Main Street (barn) to pack and move the items to the storage unit.
- Royal/Stetson House at 660 North Street –
 - Chairman received an email from George Berdos who said he is conferring with the union representatives regarding assistance with the selective demolition and re-roofing. He said that perhaps a few volunteers could do the selective demolition to open up the side wall under his supervision in a quicker timeframe.
 - Copeland Foundation – no response to Henry's inquiry
 - Stetson kindred – no response to Henry's inquiry
 - This Old House – no response to Mary's inquiry
 - DCR (Massachusetts Dept of Conservation and Recreation) – need to ask for more details about curatorial tenancy
 - Randolph Public School curriculum director as well as a Dartmouth College History professor and Dunkin Donuts – Susan contacting
 - Alan didn't hear back from DCR or Boston University.
 - North Benet Street School – no response to Mary's inquiry.
 - Chairman will contact Rob Osborn of Immaculate Construction to gauge his interest in this project

- Mowing Calendar – need to bring your own lawn mower and sign up with Susan (especially the front for improved appearance)

Old Business:

- Development of a preservation fund – no update.
- Office at Stetson Hall – need shelving; may receive donation of excess furniture from National Park Service
- Historical Commission website – no update.
- NR nomination for Stetson Hall – Kathleen Broomer working on finalizing this for MHC
- NR nomination for 660 North Street – no progress since last meeting; need someone to go to the Suffolk County Registry to search get copies of the property records and need someone go to Mass Archives on Columbia Point (near UMASS Boston) to research probate records and make copies. Susan and Alan are available on Monday Aug 9th
- Arts in the Park is Aug 22nd so need to see who is available to sit at a table and sell “Beneath the Elms” books. Susan is available. Mary has a wedding so she can not.

New Business:

- Invoices from Menders, Torrey & Spencer Inc – it was unanimously approved to pay the invoice # 1754
 - Previous Invoice # 1724 for \$2148.81 dated 6/11/10 at 75% project completion
 - New Invoice # 1754 for \$962.66 dated 7/15/10 at 82% project completion
 - Total billed so far is \$11,446 of the \$15K approved budget
- Open Meeting Law update – Chairman and Mary attended a presentation on July 13th to better understand some of the changes effective July 1st
- Powers Farm re-use presentation by Cheri Ruane and Sara Oliveira of Weston & Sampson on June 30th. Concepts A and C include the barn from the Rent property 592 North Main Street
- Request for information from Tammy Hagie for an environmental study at the Comfort Inn site related to its prior uses; previously there was a automobile service station there so it is likely that oil was disposed on the site
- Commissioners looked thru boxes to find ancestral information for Jim Andrews. Susan and Henry found the Prunty/Bronte materials, so this will be communicated back to him.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2010 at 7:10pm at Stetson Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09pm