

## Historical Commission Minutes 01/15/19

### FINAL

Present for the Historical Commission and attending the meeting were: Jane Slater, Chairman, Jim Malkin, John Flender, Lenny Jason, Steve McGhee, Barbara Armstrong and Chuck Hodgkinson. Krishana Collins also attended.

Ms. Slater opened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

**Historic Tea Lane Farm restoration:** The Commission welcomed Ms. Collins and complimented her on how well the Tea Lane Farmhouse restoration is coming along. Ms. Collins expressed her genuine appreciation of the Town's plan for the farmhouse and outlined the remaining projects she would like to accomplish to finish the restoration. She explained she wanted to live in the house for a while before deciding on the final plans for the restoration to see how well the house is performing with the significant structural and interior renovations completed to date. She then offered an open invitation to the Commission for a second visit once the final restorations are completed. The Commission said there is \$13,312 remaining in the CPA historic preservation grant for the farm house and asked how much the remaining projects will cost. Ms. Collins shared her itemized budget that totaled more than \$13,000. Mr. Jason thought the figures were low to which Ms. Collins said she has many friends who have helped her with the renovations.

After brief discussion a motion was made to keep the February 2012 Special Town Meeting Article # 2 CPA appropriation for the Tea Lane Farmhouse restoration open for the remaining repairs up to \$13,312. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with six in favor.

**Review remaining open Historic Preservation CPA grants:** The Commission reviewed a list of the remaining open CPA Historic Preservation appropriations to date. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved with six in favor to take the following actions on each remaining open appropriation with an unspent balance:

Keep all stone wall restoration appropriations with unspent balances open for future restorations – currently targeted for future walls along Middle Road:

- April 2006 ATM; Article # 14: \$ 23
- April 2010 ATM; Article # 15: \$ 1,194
- April 2011 ATM; Article # 15: \$20,000

Keep the appropriation for restoring town records open:

- September 2006 STM; Article # 6: \$ 7,731

Return the following unspent balances to the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund. Chuck H. will confirm the county courthouse wiring appropriation is no longer needed.

- Community Center doors, windows; September 2006 STM; Article # 7; \$ 1,267
- County Courthouse windows; April 2013 ATM; Article # 16: \$ 5,277
- Gravestone Restoration April 2014 ATM; Article # 15: \$ 346
- County Courthouse electrical wiring; April 2014 ATM; Article # 18: \$ 4,551
- Gravestone Restoration; April 2015 ATM; Article # 26: \$ 361
- Town Weights & Measures Cabinet; April 2017 ATM; Article # 30: \$ 350

**2018 Annual Report:** The draft 2018 Historical Commission Annual Report was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the report as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with six in favor.

**New Business:** Ms. Slater was democratically appointed to review and identify several stone walls along Middle Road as possible restoration candidates. She will report back to the Commission. She will also contact the museum to view the condition of the Nomansland boat they have in storage.

The Commission asked Chuck H. if he would organize a site visit of the restored historic cape and the re-created brick barn on the Harris property off Brickyard Road.

**Administration:** The September 18, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented by consensus.

The next regular meeting will take place on February 19, 2019 @ 4:00 PM.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Hodgkinson, CAS.