SANDISFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR: February 8, 2017,

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:01pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Bernard, Eric Pachulski, Terry Spohnholz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Peet

VISITORS: From Otis, Tom Ragusa, Otis Historical Commission; Hal Kobrin, Otis Planning

Board; Sonia Kobrin, Otis Historical Society

Minutes per Agenda recorded by R. Bernard

National Register project. Status reviewed by Ron Bernard. Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has approved New Boston and West New Boston as potential NRHP districts. Boundaries have to be determined and approved by MHC and an informational public meeting will be scheduled. SHC will commence with New Boston using approved 2017 funds for a consultant. Town will seek "discretionary funding" from the MHC's "Direct Contract" program to complete West New Boston in this calendar year.

Terry to clarify whether an RFP is needed for the Town to retain the consultant for the New Boston district portion. Ron to clarify what is required from the Town to apply for 2017 funding from the MHC for West New Boston portion.

<u>Heritage Hero Award</u>. For Steven and Christine Pincus of Sandisfield Center at the Select Board meeting, Feb. 13. News story to appear in the March Sandisfield Times. This is the 3rd SHC award.

Knox Trail Development. The original 18th century Knox Trail route through about 4 miles of Sandisfield and a similar length in Otis is now mapped (Tom Ragusa). The SHC and Otis Historical Commission will collaborate to identify methods and available programs including grants to physically improve and mark the trail through the two towns and to apply for recognition on the National Register of Historic Places and/or as an American Battlefield monument.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:11 pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 8, 7pm, Town Library

MINUTES APPROVED & DATE

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Vice Chairman, Eric Pachulski, Polli Member, Terry Spohnholz Thursa M. Spohnholz

Member Don Peet, (not present)

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