

Sandisfield Historical Commission

7 p.m. September 15, 2021

Fire Station #1, New Boston

Minutes

Attending: Ron, Liana, Connie, Mike, and guest Jean Atwater Williams (Roseanne under the weather and could not connect via Zoom due to bad internet service)

Review and sign minutes of last prior meeting, July 28, 2021 –

Note: The August meeting mentioned in the minutes did not take place. Liana moves to accept, 2nd Mike, passed unanimously. Everyone signed the minutes. (Liana to make copy of signed minutes and send to Town Clerk with rt 8 letter attached – Janie Beardsley and file one in SHC binder)

Officers terms and reappointments – Ron will find out from Town Hall what the terms are for everyone and we'll then stagger people.

New Boston Historic District status

(Q&A with project Consultant Bonnie Parsons) – Bonnie is under the weather and could not be with us. After many many questions from MHC, she submitted the final paperwork for the New Boston Historic District nomination (42 pages). Her invoice is \$375 (out of our \$500 budget). Once they approve it, we'll be on the state register. Ron will forward Liana the email from Bonnie to be inserted into the minutes. Motion to approve the invoice, Liana, 2nd by Mike. Passed unanimously.

Ron will find out from the Town what the rules are about **approving/voting via email and/or Zoom.**

Ceremonial stone landscapes: Mike was in contact with archeologist from Stockbridge Munsee, confirming their relative lack of interest in things like this. He mentioned his intentions to do more research, apply for grants, and they asked to be kept in the loop. They're supportive but not necessarily interested at this point. That complex may not be Stockbridge Munsee. It could be Schaghticoke – we are geographically closer. The Sandisfield Arts Center could be a fiscal sponsor of Mike's 2-year project to continue researching the Sandisfield complex/site. It can't be sponsored by the Historical Commission which is part of

the Town of Sandisfield. Mass Humanities could be a grant possibility. **Liana will meet with Mike to advise.**

Electronic records retention: Liana sent Ron an article about the Town of Lee's historical society making all their records available digitally. There's a company that does this. Boston Public Library will scan documents free for any nonprofit. It has to made public after. You have to be approved, first come first serve The Town of Sandisfield considered it. It's not our purview. It's what historical societies do, or Clerk of the Town.

Bonnie Hartley of Stockbridge Munsee coming to the arts center on the 25th.

Determine next meeting venue – **next meeting Wed, October 13 same venue**

Meeting Adjourned 7:32pm by Zucchini gavel

Respectfully submitted by Clerk, Liana Toscanini

Read and approved by:

Ron Bernard, Chair

Liana Toscanini, Secretary

Constance Canty

Roseanne Hoekstra

Mike Loglisci
