

Tyringham Historical Commission
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 6th, 2014

The Historical Commission met on Thursday, November 6th, 2014 at 7 pm, at the School House. Present were: Alice Hale (Chair), Peter Charpentier, Nini Gilder, John Demos and Maggie Howard. We were very pleased that our former Chair, Everett Fennelly, also joined our meeting.

Nini briefed the group on the status of fund-raising for the cemetery fence restoration project, which is proceeding slowly but surely.

We examined some of the extraordinary work done by Pat Read on the cemetery inventory, all of which is now located in the Historical Room, and we agreed that much of this would not have been possible without the exhaustive research and work done earlier by Clint Elliott on the cemetery inventory.

Nini then explained that Bobbie Crosby has now conveyed all the photos taken of Tyringham residents in 1991-92, which are now located in the Historical Room. This is an extremely valuable acquisition. We agreed to make a small selection for inclusion in the Tyringham Topics, with an eye on organizing an exhibit later on. We all signed a card thanking Bobbie for doing this.

We discussed the two papers prepared by Building Inspector Gould on the Library roof and the School House, conveyed to us by the Tyringham Finance Committee. . Everett agreed to read these and give us some suggestions on how to proceed. We meanwhile all agreed that while renovation and repair are certainly needed for both structures, the historic aspects of both buildings must be kept in tact at all cost as both buildings are landmarks in Tyringham. We will draft a short preliminary letter to the Select Board stating this.

Everett talked briefly about his "cellar hole project", and that he has now marked a number of cellar holes on an assessor's map. This will be very valuable once completed in clarifying house locations, etc.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th in the Town Hall meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Howard, Clerk