

Tyringham Historical Commission
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, May 5th 2016

The Historical Commission met on Thursday May 5th 201 at 7 pm, in the main room of the Town Hall. Present were: Alice Hale (chair), Nini Gilder, and Maggie Howard. Mary Garner, Library Trustee, also joined with regard to the Library roof discussion.

Agenda item 1. Cemetery fence. Work on restoring the cemetery fence has almost been completed, except for two gates which are missing bolts, as pointed out by Dick Loring. This will need follow-up. Otherwise, the newly painted and repaired fence looks wonderful. It was agreed that a list would be created comprising the names of those in whose memory contributions were made. This will be distributed at the Memorial Day ceremony on May 29th.

Agenda item 2. Library roof. Nini informed us that two bids were received for the required work. One from Jason Stanley (Ipswich, CT - \$260,000) and the other from Glen Crooker (Ridgefield, CT - \$118,000). Allegrone withdrew from the bidding process but did nevertheless submit an estimate in the form of "schematic budgets". (\$164,438 without insulation; additional \$70,000 with insulation) There is now a \$48,000 gap between available Town funds and the lower bid. The Historical Commission agreed to assist the Library trustees in drafting a fund-raising letter to town residents. But meanwhile Molly has suggested that we take no action until the Select Board has had a chance to discuss the bids, fundraising, etc.

Agenda item 3. Other Matters. Nini brought numerous photographs of Tyringham celebrations (especially 1989), taken by Don Victor.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2. Location and time to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Howard, Clerk