

Tyringham Historical Commission – Minutes of Thursday, October 4, 2018

The Historical Commission met at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Tyringham Schoolhouse, Tyringham, MA. Commission Members present - Alice Hale (Chair), Ann Gallo, Mark Curtin, Nini Gilder, Amy Fennelly, Maggie Howard. Alternate: Catherine Mardula

1. Motion to open meeting by Alice, seconded by Mark.
2. Minutes of September meeting were read and approved.
3. Plaque for Library: Arrived and Commission is very happy with the result. Discussion on placement. Installation of plaque will be approved by the Selectmen and Library Trustees. Thanks to Carol Hardy-Fanta for spearheading.
4. Schoolhouse Update: Mark, Larry Gould and Selectmen came to schoolhouse and went over the building. For the winter it will be heated, tin installed temporarily over sills and a portion of the south facing exterior will be sealed to protect it from animals during the winter. Nini asked if there was a conversation about mice, which are the HC's enemy. There was no discussion. There was a lead report at the town and a fair level of lead was found. This will impact the restoration cost. Selectmen request more solid plans of the school's future use before moving forward.
5. Schoolhouse Open House: Mark mentioned to the Selectmen the concept of an open house for the general public to show the building as well as the Historical Commission antiquities stored in the building. The town is supportive of this initiative. Exhibits could include the Kitson sculptures, objects from the library, art, diaries, photographs, furniture, etc. Mark will propose the event, November 3 and 4, to the Schoolhouse Committee.
6. Historical Buildings list update: Amy brought in her hard copy and completed 3 full pages with house numbers. Thank you Amy and Mark for doing this research!
7. Bonnie Parsons National Register Application for Schoolhouse Update: Nini reported that Mark, Bonnie and Nini walked through the schoolhouse to take more notes and photographs.
8. Other Business: None
9. Motion to close the meeting by Nini. Seconded by Mark.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Gallo - Secretary