

Tyringham Historical Commission – Draft Minutes for Thursday, December 5, 2018

The Historical Commission met at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2018 at the Tyringham Town Hall, Tyringham, MA. Commission Members present –Maggie Howard, Carol Hardy-Fanta, Mark Curtin, Amy Fennelly, Peter Charpentier, Ann Gallo. Members of the Public; Brody Hale, Matt Puntin

1. Motion to open meeting by Mark, Peter seconded.
2. Minutes of December Meeting were read and approved.
 - a. Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Amy.
3. Status of schoolhouse use: Mark reported on the feedback from the Selectmen's meeting regarding the Select Board stating at the last meeting that they want to curtail access to the schoolhouse over the winter. Concerns by Selectman for keeping it open were plowing, liability and air quality. Matt Puntin asked if the HC could have their monthly meetings at the Town Hall. The HC agreed. Brody Hale, head of the Schoolhouse Committee questioned the timing of the Selectmen's thoughts on curtailing schoolhouse access considering the open house was a success. Brody asked the Select Board will determine financial considerations of the schoolhouse. Matt responded, after the Schoolhouse Committee's final report. Brody's last question was what procedures does the schoolhouse committee need to follow to get access to the schoolhouse. Matt responded that both commissions should bring as many folks as possible to this coming Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting to voice their ideas. Matt, speaking as a Board of Health member, remarked about the potential sanitation code and other concerns at the schoolhouse. Matt recommended the HC estimate the amount of time they would like to be at the schoolhouse over the winter and propose it to the Select Board. Carol read the Schoolhouse Survey taken at the open house. Brody said that the schoolhouse committee would take this survey into consideration. Cost and usage of the schoolhouse is the next priority for the schoolhouse committee. Brody recommended both the HC and Schoolhouse Committee attend the January 8th, 2019 Select Board's meeting to present both committees need for access to the schoolhouse.
4. Rosina's sampler: Nini is taking it to Nanina to be photographed for publication.
5. Peter spoke about the town asking HC input on the weight scale and watering trough exchange. Tabled for next month's agenda.
6. Motion to close the meeting at 8:45 pm by Mark, Maggie seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Gallo - Secretary