

## **Tyringham Historical Commission – Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 5, 2018.**

The Historical Commission met at 7pm on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Tyringham Town Hall. Commission Members present - Alice Hale (Chair), Mark Curtin, Nini Gilder, Maggie Howard, Peter Charpentier, Sarah Hudson. See attached sign-in sheet

1. Alice opened the meeting.
2. Mark motioned to approve minutes, Nini seconded
3. Schoolhouse Application for Historical Register
  - a. Nini spoke with Niel Larson who asked for more than \$2750 to write the application. Nini then asked Mass Historical Commission for others who could write the application for less money. She received 3 names and Bonnie Parsons was selected from the group. Ms. Parsons was contacted and predicted it would cost between \$1500 and \$2000. Nini motioned to give the job of writing the application to Bonnie Parsons, seconded by Mark Curtin. Approved.
4. Samplers Update
  - a. Peter left a message with the woman restoring the samplers to return them as soon as possible, regardless of condition.
5. Cataloging
  - a. Mark reported that it is in the works and will take time. Work in progress. Encouraged others to help with the process
6. Pat Reed visiting April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3 or 4. She is currently cataloging HC materials. Several HC members will be sure to join her and assist as needed.
7. Bidwell House display for July 7 Country Fair. Discussion ensued on what to put together for Township #1 Day. Carol Hardy-Fanta suggested a presentation on the town schoolhouse. Peter suggested a display on various tombstone materials, styles currently in the cemetery. It was decided to do an exhibit on Tyringham Schools. Mark will provide photographs of schoolhouse contents for the display.
8. Barn #4/Formerly Sunset/Camelot
  - a. Mark read aloud the letter from the Crosses. (see attached)
  - b. We learned from Alice Hale that Barn #4 likely pre-dates the 1891 barn, therefore may have more historic value than originally thought. The HC questions the presence of asbestos as Alice has no recollection of any being used in the horse barn/Barn #4. Options for the Crosses to consider for Barn #4 would be to save and stabilize, restore fully, dismantle and relocate, or mothball and take time to make the final decision. The Historical Commission concurs with the Cross's proposal to get a second opinion on the condition and cost of the above options. Nini provided a list, given to her by Kris Kennedy/Architect, of reputable local contractors who have experience with evaluating historic barns and buildings. Nini will contact the Crosses with the HC's recommendations.
9. Nini presented a letter from Clint Elliott who is resigning from the Historical Commission.
10. Motion to adjourn by Sarah Hudson and seconded by Maggie Howard.