

Tyringham Historical Commission – Minutes for Thursday, November 1, 2018

The Historical Commission met at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Schoolhouse, Tyringham, MA. Commission Members present – Alice Hale/Chair, Maggie Howard, Nini Gilder, Carol Hardy-Fanta, Sarah Hudson, Mark Curtin, Amy Fennelly and Ann Gallo

1. Motion to open meeting by Alice, seconded by Mark.
2. Minutes of October Meeting were read and approved.
3. Bonnie Parsons Update: Nini reported that she received a draft of the application for the Historical Commission nomination from Bonnie Parsons. The report is incredibly detailed including school house history in the area, local teachers, etc. Nini will email and send hard copies to the HC members to review and comment. Discussion ensued on researching grants to help with the upcoming restoration costs. Carol mentioned there were School Committee Meeting minutes discovered in the schoolhouse. It was suggested that the Boston Public Library might be an option to have these materials scanned. It was suggested that Carol contact BPL regarding possibly scanning these documents. Carol will also contact the Town Clerk regarding the status of scanning town documents in the town archives.
4. Pat Reed Catalog Update: Access issues were fixed. Pat must send an email invite to access the catalog of the archives of the Tyringham Historical Commission.
5. Other Business:
 - a. Ann updated the HC on the status of the MACRIS historical properties spreadsheet. Ann reached out to the Sec. State regarding updating the MACRIS records. We are to update a spreadsheet he attached to the email which we are now in the process of completing.
 - b. Mark spoke about the Schoolhouse Open House happening on November 24th from 10 – 4pm. What needs to be done to prepare for this event. Vacuuming/Cleaning – Nini volunteered. Amy Fennelly agreed to be the exhibit Curator. Mark would like to bring some items up from the library. Mark will also ask the schoolhouse committee to co-host the event. It was decided to have a pre-open house prep meeting on November 12th at 2:30pm at the schoolhouse. Mark will ask to have the schoolhouse cleaned in preparation for the 11/24 event.
 - c. Conversation about placement of Library plaque. TBD.
6. Motion to close the meeting at 8pm by Nini and Carol seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Gallo - Secretary