**Tyringham Historical Commission – Draft Minutes Thursday, August 2, 2018**

The Historical Commission met at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Tyringham Town Hall, Tyringham, MA. Commission Members present - Alice Hale (Chair), Maggie Howard, Ann Gallo, Mark Curtin, Nini Gilder. Alternates - Carol Hardy-Fanta, Catherine Mardula. Members of public: Bonnie Parsons

1. Motion to open meeting by Alice, seconded by Mark.
2. Minutes of June 26 meeting were read and approved.
3. Schoolhouse update: Mark reported on the Schoolhouse Committee’s recent meeting. They are hoping to seal up and heat the schoolhouse for the winter. They also received a $9500 estimate for scraping (not sanding) and painting the exterior. Mark Curtin and Larry Gould did a site visit to determine structural/carpentry issues involved in future restoration. Unknown carpentry costs, guestimate is $15,000 - $30,000 plus (with unknowns.) Mark and Brody Hale reported these findings to the Selectman. There are town funds for lead testing on the exterior that will take place in the near future.
   1. Mark noted the town owns a container where he would like to move contents of the schoolhouse that do not belong to the Historical Commission including metal desks, police equipment, etc. Mark requested the pod be moved to the rear of the Schoolhouse at the Selectman’s meeting.
4. National Register application update: Bonnie Parsons, the HC consultant to prepare the National Register application. Requesting information including maps of Tyringham. She would like to look at town records, town reports, photographs, tracking teachers, subjects and curriculum. Alice Hale has some schoolbooks Bonnie can utilize. Bonnie took a tour of the schoolhouse and took photographs. Her process includes a written description of the school’s interior and exterior, then a history of education in Tyringham and Lee schools and in general in the region.
5. Digitizing historical materials update: To be continued in the winter.
6. Town Report: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. Nini and Maggie will prepare.
7. Members of the HC approved the purchase of a National Register plaque for the Town Library at a cost of $425. Carol Hardy-Fanta to oversee.
8. Motion to close the meeting by Nini. Seconded by Mark.