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Sturbridge Historical Commission

January 18, 2018 Minutes

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Cathy Zavistoski, Secretary, Bailey Applegate

Absent: Richard Volpe, Vice Chair

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

B Search - Pioneer Valley Commission survey done. Leon to get survey on website (on disk now). One hard copy is in the Clerk's safe

PAL finished phase 2. Have paid them \$3K and they have just submitted an invoice for \$5K. Preservation Grant pays 50% of cost (labor & materials, but not architect fees).

B Search – attended seminar on storm window & weather-stripping. Will probably have to put that project on hold until next year. Need specs & estimate from an architect (at a cost of \$1-2K). Warrants for next town meeting due March 1st for the June Town Hall meeting). Trying to put a placeholder in for the June meeting. Need to get funding for the architect. CPC should be able to cover as admin fees but need to ask. Mass Historical recommends exterior storm windows. Weather stripping options include:

Foam

vinyl tubing (est to last 25 years of well maintained) bronze strips – cost 2-3 times more but lasts much longer (up to 100 years) Will request quotes on various materials

Previously Mark Vincent attended Historical Commission meeting – had heard there were Native American artifacts on the Barrett Farm

Mass Historical does not have this location in its files

B Search – have letter from the state with some notes regarding NA artifacts

Take letter, 2 recon reports that mention NA artifacts from Pioneer Valley Commission survey to Planning
Board. Only the Planning Board can request developers do an archeological dig, but can only do that if the developer needs state or federal permits.

Vote - write a letter to ask Planning Board to ask developer to do an archeological survey

B Applegate – motion C Zavistoski – 2rd All approve

B Search - emailed draft of Annual Report. Send to Leon on the 1st to be put on website.

B Search - awards program - should try to get something done (plaque?) for Publick House moving barn

B Search to attend seminar (free) – Why & How of repairing historical windows (presented by Western Mass Historical). Others can attend if available – will email details

Adjourned 3:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Cathy Zavistoski, Historical Commission