**Sturbridge Historical Commission March 23, 2017 Minutes**

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Richard Volpe, Chair; Cathy Zavistoski; Bailey Applegate

Michael Glick (Publick House), Michael Harrington, Russ Chamberlin, Jean Boubon, Mary Blanchard, Steve Turley & Pam Turley

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Regarding Publick House proposal to move barn, currently at 283 Main Street, to back of Publick House property for potential future use. Estimated $150K to move.

B Search – Asked people from Publick House if we take offered deal & hotel is not approved what

 happens to barn?

M Glick – PH goes before Planning Board April 11th. Would not take any action until Planning Board

 makes its decision.

Jean – Planning Board – this is not a special permit request. If proposal declined – 2 year wait.

M Glick – As long as PH receives approval by May 30 go forward with plans to move barn. There will

 be no action prior to that.

M Glick - If receive approval before May 30th. If receive approval after 30th Publick House may not

 move barn.

R Volpe – Motion to accept PH proposal to move barn within Historic District to 277 Main Street.

C Zavistoski – 2nd

Vote – all for

Jean – ask Publick House to locate barn on proposal before April 11th

M Glick – Will bring Jalbert in to locate barn.

HC – motion to approve January 12th minutes

R Volpe – move to approve

B Search – 2nd

Vote – all for

HC – motion to approve Feb 2th minutes

R Volpe – move to approve

B Search – end

Vote – all for

B Search – update on survey – bill from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission $7,200 of $20,000 (agreed to pay in “steps”) for current survey

* Will provide bill to Leon

B Search – need to ask Finance Committee for $20K warrant (need to verify if need $10K or $20K)

B Applegate – will put together ideas for award program

R Volpe – will put together something to show all the programs we are proposing to do (to present to

 Board of Selectmen)

* Reviewed current draft of preservation award program

B Search – contacted wood carver about doing a frieze, but was unable to meet him. Will discuss doing a

 frieze with a carving

B Applegate – how big would the “doll” be?

S Search – about a foot tall

B Applegate – maybe do a smaller replica, like a child’ doll, less exact & less expensive

B Search – was told a frieze would be cheaper

C Zavistoski – would it be possible to get a rough sketch of the frieze?

B Search – will request that

Next meeting scheduled for 4/13/17 at 6pm

B Applegate – move to adjourn

R Volpe – 2nd

Adjourned 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Zavistoski, Historical Commission