

Minutes of the Commission meeting held in the Davidson Room of the church at 6 pm on
1/11/2018

Attended by: Members-Alan Fall, Gale Morris, Peg Scully, Scott Cunningham

Select Board Representative-Ernie Day, Jr.

Alternates-Ray Dahlstrom, Maureen Elliott, Lee Fritz

Absent: Members-Bonnie Burroughs, Bob Smart

Alternate-Phil Griffin

Gale Morris will record Minutes. Bob Smart has stepped down from Secretary/Treasurer as of
1/01/2018.

Bob has done an outstanding job since the inception of the Commission in 2009. He will remain as a
Member, and the Commission will vote on the new slate of Officers at the April meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6 pm and conducted by Chairman Alan Fall.

Quorum: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

Minutes of the 11/09/17 meeting as recorded on draft dated 12/06/17 were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Demolition Procedure: Alan, BOS and David Senecal have met to discuss and procedure now in place.

Schoolhouse location signs: Scott Brooks will order signs through State Prison. They will be mounted
with iron stakes in the ground in Spring at the agreed upon locations. Alan will meet with Bill Stoops
and then all owners of properties who agreed to signs will be covered as scheduled.

Why Did You Move to Freedom?: Scott will pursue organizing such a program soon. Time of year and
place for presentation will be considered.

Annual Report for 2017: Bob's report has been reviewed and Gale will call Karen Hatch to be sure she
has it for the printing of Town Annual Report and for the records.

Budget for 2018: \$850 will be asked for by Alan who will communicate request to Karen Hatch.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for 2018 will be voted on in April, after Town Meeting.

Expiring terms for Alan Fall, Bonnie Burroughs, Scott Cunningham, Ray Dahlstrom were listed by Bob. All
have indicated they would continue on the Commission. They will be voted on at our 4/12/18 meeting,
a letter will be sent to the BOS asking that they be reappointed, and then each will need to be sworn in
by the Town Clerk for their new term of 3 years.

State Register of Historic Places and Inventories: Peg shared copies of Inventory forms sent her by Megan Rupnik, State Coordinatory of Surveys. These are streamlined forms that will help speed up research on inventories of buildings and sites In general. Peg and Lee will meet and choose the form they feel will serve us best, and we will vote on it at April meeting. When complete, a copy of such form could be placed in the Town Office's tax/deed files of each property inventoried to alert people to historic info on the property. Hopefully, this could help also with communication in the Demolition Procedure/Process now in place.

Peg posed question of Commission working on Inventory of Church for State Register of Historic Places. Commission agreed to the project but first Peg will present it to the Church Council on 1/17/18 for permission. If approved, she will ask Council President Dean Robertson to sign the authorization form.

She will report back at our April meeting.

Ideas were discussed on ways to preserve digitalized records/original documents to keep them safe from fire, etc. Ernie reported the BOS has been discussing this issue. Some documents can not leave the Town Office property so digitalization/scanning processes would be slow to do on site but there seems to be movement towards getting this started. A large gun safe might be an option for safety storage. Scott will look into various costs of options that would be fireproof, humidity controlled, etc.

Ernie announced that Town Meeting and Elections will be on the same day this year, so we will return to Tuesday date.

Bob Smart had included a map of Berry Bay sites and "The Berry Gee" compilation of data and stories done by Wendell Packard, Sr. in the 1980s, updated by Jean Marshall in 2014. This info is part of the Berry Bay Assoc. and reviewing it was enjoyed by all.

Peg shared an unusual photo loaned her by John Shipman of the Merrow-Milliken house that once stood between church and the Hockmeyer/now McEvoy house. In this view, the post office and small lumber sales office of Arthur Merrow have not yet been built attached to the Federal House. John found photo online and Alan noted that the Penobscot Maritime Museum in Maine has a collection of old photos/postcards from various New England towns.

There being no public input asked for, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm (.75 hrs).

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2018.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gale Morris