

Minutes from Thomaston Historical Commission meeting -October 27, 2015

Present: Bethany Lydem, Kristin Mosimann, Joe Wassong, Elaine Dixon, Kelli Moffat

Meeting was called to order at 7pm

Joe acknowledged the passing of Former Police Chief Ed Grabherr and Animal Control Officer Cheryl Waldron. They were both long time servants of the town who will be deeply missed. Our condolences go out to all of their families.

A motion to approve minutes of the 9/22 minutes was made by Kristin, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 4-0-1, Bethany abstained.

Joe welcomed Bethany Lydem to our committee, filling Tom Cavallo's term. Kristin was reappointed for another six years.

Joe discussed the southern border and the removal of the metal fence that runs along the border. We have approval from Selectman, Ed Mone, and owner of other property (Irene Harper's old home) to remove old fence and install a new, split rail fence. Fence will be installed within our property boundaries. A motion was made to approve up to \$500 for a survey of this southern border by Kristin, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 5-0.

A reminder of the Nov 7th lecture at the library at 1:00, featuring Ted Roth and the Brass Valley.

Kelli provided update on status of grant request. Grant money was received Oct 6th and will be used to buy computer, printer, and create new website. Motion made by Kristin, seconded by Elaine to reimburse any purchase made by personal credit card for above mentioned items. Motion carried 5-0.

No update on the framing of the Ulric Mather 1904 Yale Diploma.

Elaine discussed the evening of events and plans for decorating the house for Light Up the Town. We need all hands on deck for volunteers. Elaine will organize a decorating party on 11/14 at 10:00 am. The house will be open from 5-8 on Nov 28th.

Kristin will contact Thomaston High School for student volunteers for the evening. A motion was made by Kristin, seconded by Kelli to promise to reimburse Joe for purchase of batteries for the Christmas window candles. Motion carried 5-0.

The Class of 1960 visited the House on October 17th. Donations received \$112.00

Kristin provided update of the 2015-2016 History Program, which kicked off in October. She also provided brief update on the Railroad Museum. We should consider joint advertising opportunities with the Railroad and Opera House in 2016. Motion to approve \$220 to Ink Spot for the printing of another 110 passports was made by Kelli, seconded by Elaine. Motion carried 5-0. Money to come from the Rotary Grant funds, received in April 2014.

No update on the Seth Thomas stamp or state highway sign.

2016 Meeting Schedule was approved and meetings will continue to be the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, at 7:00 pm

Next meeting 11/24 at 7pm

Motion made by Elaine, seconded by Kelli to adjourn at 8:10pm. Motion carried.