

**NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
AT
NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
277 MAIN STREET**

Meeting of Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 10:30 AM

**MINUTES
Approved**

Members Present:

Peter Brink, Vice Chair
Bill Aldrich, Clerk
Anne Silberfarb, Secretary
Cheryl Herrmann, member
Nancy Osgood, member

Staff Present:

Phil Dechert, Planning Director

Absent:

Jane Korey, Colleague
Sarah Rooker, Colleague
Roger Blake, Advisory Member

MINUTES:

Peter Brink called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes from Friday, November 4, 2016. Typo: page 4, "but" to replace "buy". Nancy moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Continuation of discussion and then decision regarding grant requests to be made for Certified Local Government funding prior to the December 19 deadline.

We discussed: priority projects to submit grant requests for. These are grants available to the 14 Certified Local Governments in Vermont. The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has set a December 19 deadline for requests. After discussion the commission decided by consensus to seek funding for the following. All of these projects are recommended for action in the Norwich Windshield Survey Report.

Note: No grant request for preparation of a nomination will be submitted if owners within the area of the proposed listing object to possible listing. NHPC will seek to confer with owners prior to preparing a request for the respective area. We plan to divide up our contacting of owners.

The priority grant requests are:

- Pompanoosuc & Pattersonville, c 1770 – c 1940s. (Page 9 of Windshield Survey Recommendations) To be nominated for listing on the National Register as an Archaeological & Historic District.
- Waterman Hill, c 1795- c 1850's. (Also Page 9) To be nominated for listing on the National Register as a Historic District or pursuant to a Multiple Property Documentation Form.
- Maple Hill Farm (Olcott-Johnson House), 1789. (Page 18 in Windshield Survey) The house and farm complex to be nominated as an Individual Listing on the National Register. Peter has checked with the owner, Phil Zea, and he fully supports the request and potential listing; Phil some years ago did preliminary work on a nomination and would participate with the consultant in preparing the nomination.

All agreed by consensus that we should seek to apply for the above projects. If our checking on likely costs of the work starts to push the grants needed for the above projects to \$20,000 or more in total, we will confer and adjust our requests.

3. Brief updates:

Phil informed us on the current status of the Lewiston area.

4. Reminders:

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at 7 pm at Nancy Osgood's for Goodrich Four Corner owners and residents to talk with Brian Knight, the consultant preparing that nomination. NHPC members and colleagues are invited to participate.

Adjournment by acclamation at 11:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Silberfarb, Secretary

Note: Subsequent to this meeting, members conferred pursuant to the caveat above that- "If our checking on likely costs of the work starts to push the grants needed for the above project to \$20,000 or more in total, we will confer and adjust our requests. On conferring it was agreed that, for Pompanoutsuc-Pattersonville we should add a grant request to do a Native American Settlement Assessment as well as the request for the Archeological Survey. In order to keep our total grant request competitive, we also decided to substitute a National Register Nomination for Brigham Hill in place of a Nomination for Waterman Hill. The primary reason for this latter change was that a regulatory survey has been previously done for Brigham Hill, and thus we anticipated that preparation of the National Register listing for that would be less expensive than one for Waterman Hill.