

New Salem Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting

February 13, 2023

Call to order: 7:07 PM

Present: Brian Casey(via Zoom), Randy Gordon, Mike Dupont, and Polly Johnston

1. Members reviewed and accepted January Meeting notes. Randy so moved. Mike 2nd. Unanimous vote.
2. Brian suggested the commission keep the same budget as noted in last year's (2022) Treasurer's Report. Following a discussion, members agreed that a level funding budget fit the commission's '22-'23 project goals. Brian suggested that he send a letter to Claire McGinnis outlining possible projects that would require funding, specifically the plaque project.
3. The annual report is due February 15th. Members supported Brian's draft of the report. Polly moved to vote. Randy 2nd. Unanimous vote.
4. Mike reported that he had contacted the OAB architect, Brian DeVries, who wants to contact eastern mass contractors, Thompson and Lichtnen. He was suggesting that this company do a complete assessment of the OAB and prioritize remediation projects.
5. Brian offered that he had heard from Gabe Volker that there are funds in two budget line items for mold remediation and some initial repairs.
6. Randy shared a brochure, Historic Walking Tours of Paradise City (Northampton) as an example of what their Historic Society has produced. Polly shared three news articles that also detailed other projects from Franklin county town historic commissions.

Next meeting: Mar 20, 2023
7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm