

New Salem Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting

November 17, 2022

Call to order: 7:12 PM

Present: Brian Casey, Kay Leonard, Randy Gordon, and Polly Johnston

1. Brian opened the meeting with all members asked to review and vote on last month's minutes. It was noted to change #7d to read: "Brian will research Carolyn Choinard's map of New Salem buildings." So moved, minutes passed 1st Randy, 2nd Brian. Unanimous vote.
2. Kay offered to research the location of C. Choinard's map.
3. Brian reported that he contacted Gabe Volker. She gave Brian copies of information regarding the Old Academy Building Funds and Summary Budget. Gabe felt there were funds available in the OAB budget for consideration. Randy explained that there had been a petition for a project from the past historical commission requesting a specific amount. The petition passed at a town meeting for \$17,000.00. \$15678.00 is currently available in the OAB repair fund.
4. Brian has suggested that three town boards; the Select Board, Historical Commission, and Academy Trustees, tour the OAB with the purpose of viewing the building's current condition. Discussion followed on the need to promptly seek remediation for the OAB's ongoing damp conditions.
5. Brian reported that the Historical Commission, according to Kathy Neal has the use of file cases located in the Stowell Building.
6. Brian also reported that he is still seeking reports from Gabe Volken regarding available funds to the commission.
7. Discussion by the members on the need to document New Salem's Historic buildings. The availability of records, maps locating the buildings (or in some cases), and the site of past houses are important prior to attempting a historic plaque program.

8. Brian asked about requesting Rick Leonard to consider giving the commission a presentation about town historic buildings.
9. Kay suggested the commission consider doing publicity on all commission future projects.
10. Brian reported that we need to change future meeting dates due to meeting space conflicts. Members agreed to:
 - a. December 14th, 7:00 pm
 - b. January 4th, 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm