

New Salem Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting

January 9, 2023

Call to order: 7:28 PM

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

1. Brian requested members review the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2022 meeting. Minutes reviewed, moved to approve; Brian 1st, 2nd Kay. Approved by unanimous vote.
2. Brian reported on receiving the most recent New Salem Treasurer's report from Kathy Neal. Members reviewed the Historical Commission's budget for the coming year. Discussion followed on how proposed projects might best be supported by available funds. Brian reported that the academy trustees have voted to hire an architect to develop a comprehensive report on the condition and needed repairs to the OAB. There will be no cost to the town for this report.
3. Brian reported on a meeting with Brian DeVriese, who had been a past architect consultant on the OAB. Brian informed the members that they toured the OAB during the week of Jan. 1st and were concerned after finding three joists broken. The architect will be developing a plan for a la carte remediation projects.
4. Brian also reported that a December tour of the OAB by an academy trustee and representative of Dry Zone Basement Co. resulted in a proposed plan and cost of remediating the wet basement problem.
5. Brian asked members if the commission wanted to begin designing a plan for the proposed building signage project. Kay suggested we should start by examining maps and determining the possible number of local historic buildings. It was discussed that a future mailing to residents might determine interest in having a plaque placed on a building.
6. Next meeting: Feb 13, 2023
7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm