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Minutes of the Haverhill Historical Commission (HHC) Meeting of January 6 2016, City Hall, Room 301

Pending approval at next HHC meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Members Present: E. Philip Brown, Edgar Movsesian, Tom Wylie, and Kerry Fitzgerald
Absent: Eva Rajczyk

Also in attendance: Mark Nystedt and Eric Sanders, Haverhill residents

There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Phil Brown, Interim Chair and followed an agenda distributed via email and paper copies at the meeting.

It was noted as a matter of public record that the Commission did not hold a meeting in December 2015.

1. **Approval of minutes** Tom Wylie gave oral summary of minutes of November 4, 2015 meeting: Following summary, with members given time to review and discuss; by agreement, the minutes were approved by all present.
2. **Update on Commission Members:** It was noted there are several vacancies; residents Mark Nystedt and Eric Sanders expressed interest in being appointed. Each was advised to make an appointment with Mayor Fiorentini to discuss their candidacy as the Mayor makes all appointments to the Commission.
3. **Memo to Commission from Cathy Bevilacqua on City owned house.** Phil summarized the request for permission to make repairs to the sections of the roof. All agreed and those present signed the consent form, Phil will delivery to appropriate City office.
4. **Project Updates:**
Shoe Workers Plaza Display: As noted in November minutes project is completed except for a space vacant for the Commission to have installed some agreed-upon language that describes the display. We are hopeful for completion of the task soon.

375th Committee: Kerry reported that the New Year's Eve ball was a success and that all 375th items shirts, etc. were sold or donated. This is a great success and the Commission extends its appreciation to Kerry and committee members for their fine work on all 375th events.



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375th Booklet: Phil reported all 250 printed copies have been sold and, if members agree, he would have more printed, cost is about \$7000. Kerry suggested there is some funds from Cultural Council for the Shoe Makers project, that have not been expended. Tom and Phil agreed to check with Andrew to see if those funds could be used to purchase more booklets.

5. **New Business:**

- 375th Committee; Kerry noted there is a final event a meet the authors session to take place in a few weeks to be held at the Barking Dog on Washington Street.
- Basiliere Bridge, a topic of previous meetings. The Commission wishes to work with the Mayor on possible state-official's session, public meeting, on status of plans for the bridge.
- Phil spoke on wanting to find, know about, data bases on historical locations in Haverhill. He agreed to begin the process to investigate.
- Eric Sanders shared some family history items of his Great, Great, Grandfather, Thomas Sanders, who was colleague of Alexander G. Bell. Too, he noted a house on Kenoza Ave. is located where first-ever telephone call was placed. All agreed with proper research this location is candidate for a historical marker.
- Tom inquired about necessity of meeting each month for full 12 months. He reviewed the Commission's charge and could find no such directive. It was agreed to explore this topic with the Mayor to inquire if the Commission could set in advance and make public, a yearly schedule of meetings. And certain months could be skipped e.g. July and August for example.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Tom Wylie
Interim Secretary/Clerk

cc:
Mayor James Fiorentini
Director Bill Pillsbury
City Clerk
Haverhill Historical Commission Members
Haverhill Historical Advisory Committee Members