

**Dracut Historical Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

Present:

Dave Paquin, Chairman

Bob Kohanski, Asst. Chairman

Harvey Gagnon

Louise Tremblay

Linda Kawa

Marc Gosselin

Wayne LaMarche

Paquin

Kohanski

Harvey Gagnon

Louise Tremblay

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Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 7:10pm in the Richardson Room of the Historic Building, 1660 Lakeview Avenue. The minutes of the March 18th were read and approved on a motion of Mr. Kohanski and seconded by Ms. Kawa. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Input - None

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read along with the following bills which were paid by the Treasurer.

Electric bill \$338.38

Gas bill for \$680.34

Ms. Kawa made a motion to approve payment of these invoice and seconded by Mr. LaMarche. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Paquin presented a report on next year's budget and asked that it be entered into the minutes.

Old Business - None

New Business -

Chairman Paquin discussed a letter that he has written to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of Mr. Harvey Gagnon with regards to serving on the CPC. Jill has letter and asked that it be entered into the minutes.

Chairman Paquin discussed an e-mail he received from Ms. Jennifer B. Doherty, Historic Preservation Consultant along with her resume. E-mail and resume will be entered into the minutes.

Chairman Paquin read into the minutes a post card titled "Chew on This" sent by the History of UMass Amherst. This event will take place on June 1st from 9:00am - 4:00pm at Holy Cross Worcester.

Ms. Tremblay discussed the copier and noted that they have to order a new toner for the machine. Chairman Paquin discussed the problems they are having with the copier and noted that it is 20 years old and it may be time to buy a new one.

Communications - None

Demolition Permits

12 Howe Street - A motion to approve demolition was made by Ms. Trembly and seconded by Ms. Kawa. Discussion on the motion: The property is being demolished due to fire. Motion passed unanimously.

806 Mammoth Road (aka 51 Nashua Rd.) - A motion approve the demolition was made by Ms. Trembly and seconded by Ms. Kawa Motion passed unanimously.

818 Mammoth Road - (aka 51 Nashua Rd.) - A motion approve the demolition was made by Ms. Trembly and seconded by Ms. Kawa Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the motion (s):

Chairman noted that even though the dwelling at *806 Mammoth* was built in 1890 it was originally used by the Supervisor of the farm hands and *818 Mammoth* was built in 1910 and was used by the farm hands. Although they are old they do not have any sufficient history for the town of Dracut. Ms. Kawa asked if there was anything in there that would be of interest to the Historical Commission. Chairman stated that they are occupied and have been remodeled through the years for rental use and does not believe there is anything of Historical Value, the land is the key. Mr. Gosselin discussed how the Board could better serve the Community with regards to preserving history before this property is demolished, by video/pictures. A request to have the Building Inspector notify Chairman Paquin when permits are issued so the Board may contact the Mullane Construction LLC (the demolition contractor) to see if they can get in to video. Chairman Paquin stated that the land is "key" and would not want to miss the opportunity to get this "free" land into the land trust. The Board voted unanimously to approve *806 and 818 Mammoth Road aka 51 Nashua Road*.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm on a motion of Ms. Kawa and seconded by Mr. Lamarche.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Noel, Recording Secretary