

2011 Board Meeting

Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

Date	August 10, 2011
Location	Historical Society of Phillipston Museum
Time	7:00 PM
Board members present	Gordon Batchelor, Dave Bramhall, Karl Hakkarainen, Sandra Hakkarainen, Carole Gariepy, Gerry Gariepy, and Linda Langevin
Board members absent	Les Dossett, Gerhard Fandreyer, Jane French, and Peter Richard
To start	Our meeting began at 7:08 PM with the recitation of the <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> . We have a quorum.
Previous minutes	Clerk Sandra Hakkarainen read previous meeting minutes from May 18, 2011. The minutes were read, amended, and then approved.
Treasury	Treasurer Gerry Gariepy read the Treasurer's report. He reports that \$15,000 of our treasury is now in a CD for 6-month at .8 percent interest at the Quabbin Online Credit Union. He also reports that higher rates of interest are available to individuals, not to organizations.
Museum issues	<p>President Linda Langevin reports that she met with the building committee at the museum. Gerry Gariepy and Gerhard Fandreyer agreed to co-chair this committee.</p> <p>Linda reports that Curator, Jane French, agreed to track keys and manage key codes for accessing the museum. Peter Richard returned his keys to Linda.</p> <p>The building committee determined that the museum has some insect damage.</p> <p>Action: The building committee will investigate the insect damage further and report back to the board.</p> <p>The museum sign still needs repair.</p> <p>Action: Gerry Gariepy will contact Jake Lyman again to discuss damage from the elements on the new sign materials that appear inadequate. Jake had told Linda that he would fix it.</p>
Newsletter	Linda contacted former newsletter writer and publisher Kay Deans to see if she may be willing to oversee a newsletter. Kay agreed to help someone else with this, but doesn't want to do it herself.
Programs	<p>Our program committee members Carole Gariepy and Stephanie Flynn plan to meet soon and plan programs for the coming year. Then we will arrange to mail the list of planned programs to members.</p> <p>Though our publicity committee hasn't met yet, Carol Gariepy hopes for a good turnout for our September program: the <i>Assassination of Lincoln</i>.</p>
History books	Linda Langevin reports that Gerhard Fandreyer says it is ok to keep our excess <i>The Spirit of Phillipston</i> books stored in his garage.

<p>CPC grant</p>	<p>Linda attended two meetings to discuss the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) requirement for a preservation restriction document to be signed by the Society. The CPC requested that our Society help them research how to develop the necessary document. So, Linda did the research and gave this to the Commission, and she agreed to do more. Linda also discussed grant application details with the CPC.</p> <p>Carole Gariepy suggested that we could enhance a CPC grant application by attaching an interview of Brian Ward and Gordon Batchelor discussing the museum's antique egg incubator as an addendum to our CPC grant application.</p> <p>Action: Carole will contact local newspaper reporter George Barnes to discuss a possible newspaper article about our antique egg incubator.</p> <p>Action: Linda will ask Jane French for egg incubator photos, which Linda can then add to the CPC grant application.</p> <p>Linda learned that we were denied a grant earlier by the Commission, because they support renovations of existing buildings, not additions.</p> <p>Action: Karl Hakkarainen will learn if public buildings legally require water and a bathroom.</p> <p>Karl suggested that we try to find other easier sources of funding.</p> <p>Gordon Batchelor contacted Carole Ambrozy (from Athol) to ask if she might help the Society with her grant writing experience. Gordon reports that Carole is busy now writing other grants, but may be available later. She requested our mission statement and tax id, so we're hopeful. Although Carole writes grants for her own town for free, she usually charges others a percentage of the total. We agreed to give Carole a free copy of the book <i>The Spirit of Phillipston</i> to keep her interest in possibly writing a grant for us. Dave Bramhall suggests that we also give her a tour of the museum.</p> <p>Linda suggested that we use some of the Society's funds for septic design, and perc testing, and to begin fact finding for the cost of the perc test, septic system, and well.</p> <p>Action: Linda will meet with the building committee to discuss the possibilities for a septic design and testing.</p> <p>CPC applications are due during the winter.</p>
<p>New business</p>	<p>August 13 is Phillipston's all day celebration in town. The Society will have a table to sell its books.</p> <p>Dave Bramhall wonders if the alarm is working, and other members report that it is. Linda Langevin used it today for meetings.</p>
<p>Next meetings</p>	<p>Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7 PM.</p>

We adjourned at 8:11 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Sandra M. Hakkarainen, Clerk