

## Meeting Minutes

5-16-24

D. Jurist, Edited and expanded on by S. Spira

In attendance Deborah Jurist, Allen Goodine, Susan Pelkey Smith, Brent Smith, Phyllis Burke, Sarah Spira (arrived at 4:40pm)

The meeting convened at 4pm at the Peter Paul House.

### **Printer Plan**

Motion made by Deborah Jurist to donate \$500 to Library towards purchase of Biz hub Minolta printer and pay a per copy rate annually for printing, seconded by Allen Goodine passed by unanimous vote

### **Treasurer's Report**

Susan submitted a report which was reviewed by Directors

### **Remembrance Policy**

A remembrance policy was reviewed. The directors made two additions to the policy and then approved it. Reviewed, with two additions it was approved.

### **Donations**

Reminder about not accepting donations without director approval. The GHS is not able to accept any future donations of beds.

Brent described a millstone offered by Bill Putnam from the Tannery Brook Mill. Allen and Brent will take a look at it, photograph it hopefully by the June 1 Open House.

Brent has spoken to Emile Bedard about an old set of pole climbers used during the installation of the first telephone poles. He will bring Emile a donation form since the directors thought the donation would be appropriate.

Deborah shared that Martha Montague has offered to donate a collection of postcards.

### **Deaccessioning**

Alan suggests doing a walk-around on the 20<sup>th</sup> or perhaps on an open house weekend. Come up with a list of things that can be "passed on"- either through Steenburgs Delegate in different sections- where people have knowledge of the items and their connection to Groton. For example, Phyllis has a great knowledge of textiles.

Deborah shares that on the 20<sup>th</sup> she had envisioned that people would work in pairs and as they clean, identify old signs, photograph them, and compare to list of things in the house that were given to us. There was a discussion of how current the working list is, and if there is a date associated with it.

Phyllis suggested doing the cleaning first, and if there is time, and if people want to stay, they can do the signs.

### **Pest Control**

Bugs observed in the basement. Most likely they are Powderpost beetles(?). Susan will check into the exterminator we have hired before.

### **Prepping the House for Summer Open Houses**

Cleaning day is scheduled for May 20

Workplan: Assign a room to a pair of people for cleaning also to keep their eyes open for items we can remove for lack of Groton connection. In each room: wash windows, vacuum and dust.

Alan will bring a shop vac/tools

It was decided that the new Lois Boemig bed will be stored until there is a good place to install it. Also there is a desire to make the "rope" feature function and discard the more modern metal frame.

Move upholstered rocker from west bedroom to West parlor

The upholstered chair in the east bedroom will be given to Sarah Spira in thanks for the many mannequins.

The backyard needs to be raked so it can be mowed.

### **Security at the PPH**

Deborah Jurist reported on her meeting with Tim Page about Security on 5-2024.

Tim shared that antique thieves are not likely to rob the PPH because of its location in town. Antique robbers would be hard pressed to be successful at robbing the building because it is a big operation and the PPH is on the main street. Also it is watched by neighbors on all sides except the back. The current motion detecting light is good. Safe room in basement is a good idea, but too much security might tip people off to the fact that there are valuable items in that room

He made several suggestions that would enhance security.

- Add bars on other windows on the basement level, especially for the Hired man's room.
- Work on Wifi so that connected cameras and lights would make it possible for someone to monitor the place.
- Add a sign saying "no cash or electronics" and that the building is surveilled by cameras
- Add additional lighting in back of house
- Consider adding fake cameras

Options for adding Wifi were discussed: Spectrum, NEK Broadband, and exploring the installation of a wifi node from the Library. It was determined that the low hanging fruit here would be to explore the wifi node from the Library. Sarah will work with Terrence on this.

**Follow Ups from this meeting:**

- Allen and Brent will take a look at the millstone, photograph it hopefully by the June 1 Open House.
- Brent will bring Emile a donation form since the directors thought the donation would be appropriate.
- Deborah to bring Martha a donation slip?
- Susan will check into the exterminator we have hired before.
- Rake backyard on workday
- Sarah to pick up chair, arrange a time for Terrence to work on Wifi
- Deborah to reach out to Willis regarding installation of bars in basement west bedroom

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Deborah Jurist and Sarah Spira