STOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Dec. 7, 2017

Members present: Dot Spaulding-DS, Rosemary Bawn-RB, Andy Crosby-AC,

Patrick Hopkins-PH, Marilyn Zavorski-MZ, quorum present

Assoc. members present: Lew Halprin, Barbara Clancy-absent

Others present: Bob McDonald

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with a quorum present.

The **minutes** for the November 2, 2017 meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made by AC and seconded by MZ – unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's amended report for the month was accepted in a motion made by MZ and seconded by PH – unanimous.

Building Permits: November building permits were read without comment.

Community Preservation Comm.: Nothing for discussion.

Plaque Program: Three applications – 332 Harvard Rd. requested a second plaque with Lt. Josiah Brown House; 76 Treaty Elm Rd., Hapgood House; 537 Gleasondale Rd., Gleasondale Methodist Parsonage— were approved with some further action needed on two requests. The motion was made by RB, seconded by PH - unanimous.

2019 SHC budget: The budget remains the same as last year. Extra time spent completing projects in 2017 put on hold the project involving the cemetery map kiosks. Hopefully it will progress in 2018.

Historical Displays: Lew stated that his Makey Park proposal has been put on hold. Lew then presented his own visionary proposal for SHS to display local history in the Pompo Community Room.

Randall Library Whitney Room Restoration: The next meeting of the Randall Library Whitney Room Restoration Working Group is scheduled for Dec. 18, 2017.

SHS removed their historical file from the library's Whitney Historical Room to the basement of the Town Building; the SHS books in two glass bookcases were packed up and are now in storage at Pompo; the Washington Guard Flag was removed to the Whitney Room of the Town Building. The banjo clock will be removed by the SHS before Dec. 31. Restoration construction could begin in January.

1825 West School: The school is closed for the winter.

John Makey Memorial donations: A motion was made by DS to get a bid on the making of an 8 foot long reproduction wooden desk similar to the antique long desk at West School as a fitting use of the John Makey Memorial Fund; seconded by AC – unanimous. We will see if there will be enough funds left over to put a small plaque on the desk and maybe paint the two yellow 8 foot benches a more authentic color.

Old and New Business: DS reports that she has taken part in two training sessions on the new SHC website. It was brought to the attention of SHC that many folks have been active in the initial restoration and continued running of West School with Connie Schwarzkoff at the top of the list, and perhaps an appreciation plaque could be engraved with such names and mounted on an inside school wall.

Correspondence: The Gleasondale Neighborhood Area Subcommittee is thinking about scheduling a talk about demo delays in the spring.

The next meeting is Jan 4, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Motion to adjourn by MZ; seconded by AC - unanimous.

Respectfully submitted Rmy Lm 2018