

# Town of Bath Historic Landmarks Commission

16 February 2023

2:00PM

Town of Bath Municipal Building Council Chambers

**Members Present:** John Mason, Joyce Jones, Ryan Rebant,

**Also in attendance:** Melissa Schod, Trey and Paul Johnsen, David Abruzzi, Rob Campbells, Carlyn Swaim

**Public Official Present:** Susan Webster, Town of Bath Council, Larry Landon Planning Commission

**Guest Speakers:** Trey and Paul Johnsen, Susan Webster on behalf of the Train Depot Project

**Meeting Called to Order:** John Mason, 2:00 PM

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Minutes from the prior meeting Jan were reviewed by all members, moved to approve by Ryan Rebant, seconded by Joyce Jones and passed.,

Treasury report read with account balance of \$16.97.

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**Guest Speaker:** Trey and Paul Johnsen

As owners of Fairfax Coffee and the Star Theater they were requesting assistance from the HLC to review ordinance guidelines, Grants and Funding to erect an all seasonal shelter on the sidewalk that would be ADA compliant. Ryan Rebant extended an offer to examine the property and provide input on the matter. The HLC board advised that there is no funding available for these projects but recommended they research possible tax grants that would be available to them but their project is out of the scope of the HLC authority and per Larry Landon from the Planning Commission the owner is the one who would request this from the National Historic Trust Preservation.

**Guest Speaker:** Susan Webster

Grand opening date is yet to be determined but the depot is in the final stages of completion with floors yet to be finished as that item was left off the original bid and work on the gardens will be started.

**Letter from Elizabeth Skinner on the Cemetary Committee**

- Letter was presented by John Mason on behalf of Elizabet Skinner, she requested a letter of recommendation by the HLC Committee to grant money going forward. They have been successful in getting some money from the cities Hotel Motel tax, it was noted by Ryan that in the future HLC could research matching funds for those provided by that organization.

The Olde English cemetery has gotten some national and international attention for the refurbishing of General Barstow's headstone, there will be a public dedication Memorial Day weekend.

**Topics Discussed from the floor:**

- David Abruzzi indicated the POC for the CLG needs to be determined and the state website will need to be amended by Meredith Dreistadt.

**On-going Business:**

- Zach created and edited the HLC pamphlet using local structures, motion to accept the current form was approved and will move forward to printing as financing will allow.
- HLC has applied for up to \$5,000.00 funding from the Hotel Motel Tax with a recommendation that if granted a portion be used for participation in public continuing education classes. mail out pamphlets, etc. John will put out a bid for printing costs. Ryan made the motion to apply funding, seconded by Joyce and passed.
- Fundraising. Ryan indicated a former fund raiser was buying and selling plaques to interested property owners, recommended this may be a viable tool for the future and an updated costing will be initiated to determine if this is still a viable option.
- Welcome new volunteer Carlyn Swaim who has great qualifications and interest in local history.
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- Next meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>.
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- Motion to Adjourn: R. Rebant, seconded by J. Jones, carried 2:50 PM