

## **Uxbridge Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Meeting Room of the lower Uxbridge Town Hall

Submitted by HC Member, David Moriarty

Meeting called to order at 3:40pm

**In Attendance;** Mary Beauchamp, Roy Henry, Mike Potaski, and David Moriarty

### **Francis Cove Resignation:**

Mary shared that, as recognition for his many years of dedicated service, the Uxbridge Board of Selectman permitted Francis Cove to retain as an honorary title "Member Emeritus".

Mike Potaski made a motion to request proclamations from the Massachusetts Senate and Massachusetts House of Representatives in honor of Francis Cove's many years of dedication to the Uxbridge Historical Commission. The motion was seconded and voted in favor unanimously.

### **Status of John Farnum House Bathroom Repairs:**

The repairs to the Farnum House Bathroom and lights have been completed.

### **Other Farnum House improvements:**

Jim Beauchamp is working to get the phone line replaced so to reconnect the alarms and establish a Verizon connection. This will be an extension of the town's internet infrastructure.

### **Uxbridge Library update:**

Mike Potaski attended a meeting with members of the Uxbridge Library Trustees and was provided a generalized overview of improvements that are under consideration. The COVID Pandemic has stalled progress of this initiative.

### **Farnum House Restorations:**

Request for proposal (RFP) have been developed. Grant for the Preservation Planning Fund was submitted for the wrong grant. The PPF was reapplied to the correct grant which was approved for the amount of \$30K. This will be applied towards the planning for the restoration of the John Farnum House. So far fifteen-(15) firms have shown interest. Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for proposals to be submitted. The Farnum House Selection Committee will then review the proposals.

**Next Meeting:** Set for November 19<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Town Hall at 3:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm.

*Mary Beauchamp*  
*Roy Henry*  
*David Moriarty*  
*Michael R. Potaski*