

Proposed Sterling Historical Meeting Minutes 12-21-2016

Meeting Called to order 7pm: Attendees: Vern Gaw, Bob Jones, Dave Gibbs, Carol Lavigne, Cathy Harragian.

Minutes: Minutes from 8/25/16 & 11/17/16 Meeting approved. Motion made by D Gibbs, 2nd by C Harragian

Budget: Approval of \$40 for Rittenhouse plaque. Warrant will be given to town hall for the \$40 plaque and \$194 reimbursement for protecting portraits. Dave Gibbs will donate locking hangers to hang portraits.

1835 Town Hall Concerns: Discussion of ongoing repair concerns for 1835 Town Hall Building. The Sterling Historical Commission is in favor of keeping the historical integrity of the building intact throughout repairs. The Standards of the Department of Interior of the National Park Service are recommended by the committee. An asphalt roof for the building is within the scope of those standards.

Historic Properties:

Sterling Schoolhouse: C Lavigne initiated contact with MHC for a matching fund MPPF grant. A Cultural Facility Fund grant was also discussed. The need for a pre study grant for the best uses of the schoolhouse was addressed. Best uses of the schoolhouse for the town of Sterling included: a Sterling Historical Commission museum, an educational center.

1840 Gun Shop: After a visit to the 37 School St property: pictures and floor plan of the house were shared with committee. C Harragian will call owner for an updated selling price.

New Business: Carol Lavigne mentioned a proposed community public outreach event. No action taken on planning for the event.

Adjournment: Bob Jones made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Carol Lavigne.