

## Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting of January 26, 2016

Present: H. Dennis Sears, Chair; Patricia Elsbach, Michael King, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orlando, Jeffrey Waingrow

Absent: Gay Tucker

Other: Neal Chamberlain, representing Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 pm.

### Minutes:

On a motion duly made and seconded (Elsbach/King) the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2016 were accepted as presented.

### Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.

Dewey Memorial Hall has applied to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) for a matching grant to improve the heating and air conditioning in the hall, install theatre lighting and install insulation. The MHC has indicated that it is unable to determine what effect the project will have on the historic property and the district and has asked the Sheffield Historical Commission to review the matter and forward its findings to the MHC.

Neal Chamberlain, representing Dewey Hall outlined the work that has been done and provided photos of said work. After discussion, and on a motion duly made and seconded (Miller/King), it was voted that the work on Dewey Hall would enhance its life and that the project in no way impinges on the historic nature and character of the building or on the district in which it rests. (6-0-0)

### 2015 Annual Report of the Historical Commission:

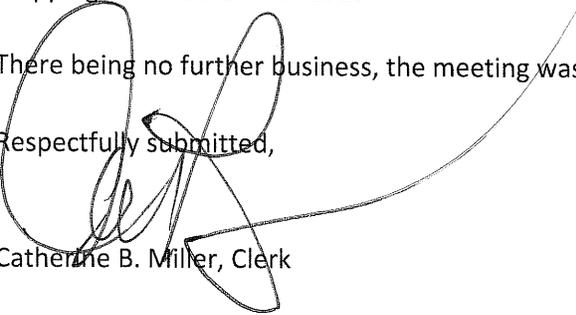
The Chair provided a draft of the Annual Report to the Town and after a few corrections, on a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/King) it was voted to accept the report and have it forwarded to the Town Administrator.

### Goals and Focus for 2016:

In the absence of Gay Tucker, the primary architect of the work to date, it was decided that Kathy Orlando would set up a Doodle Poll in an effort to convene the entire Commission for the task of mapping out the work for 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Catherine B. Miller, Clerk