



Pierce Property Committee

6/20/18 at 4:00pm in Donaldson Room at Town Offices

Minutes

Present: Nancy Beach(Pierce House Event Manager), Tim Higgins (Town Manager), Terry Green, (Chair), Lucia MacMahon, Jean Horne, Pam Weismann, Margi Byrnes, Gina Halstead (Finn Comm liaison)

In Attendance- Sheila Dennis, Sarah Arshad, Guli Arshad, Tom Henry

Meeting called to order at 4:00

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Announcements

III. Appointments

IV. Discussion

- Sound Abatement- Update (Handout- Update from Sound Measurement Study)
- VHB will compile the data and give us a report and an assessment.
- PH Committee will schedule the consultant, Jason Wass, to attend our next meeting to discuss the results and recommendations.
- Weston Road measurement were at #28 not #22.
- Consultant recommended we move study along rather than extend the study into the fall.

Acoustical Curtain

- PH purchased 2 curtain to try- \$109 each.
- Nancy will work the tent provider to advise us on where hanging and positioning the curtains.

Suggestions/ Comments from people in attendance

- Current tent will be for dining and quiet activities, an additional tent in parking lot for dancing and loud events. Parking at Town Hall.
- Customer would pay for 2 tents or Pierce House could buy the enclosed tent in the parking lot plus air conditioning
- Current tent clear sides do not mitigate sound enough
- Pierce House buys our own speakers, with multiple small speakers closer to the audience, and set them in designated places. Include a landscape architect and sound engineer to help make it sustainable with a master plan.

Bass Trap

- Pierce House purchased one for \$178
- Try it this weekend in a corner Velcro to the pole
- Containment and orientation are key to the traps success

Alternate tent research-

- Pam is working in this and will get back to when report is in
- **Parking at Pierce House**
 - Use of Town Hall parking is a possibility if other events are not going
 - Overflow parking around the property and in the field
 - Park on the park side of the driveway, vendors can load/unload on no parking side of driveway prior to the event
 - Neighbor concern with compacting the roots with heavy trucks driving over it and potential loss of trees
- **Tree Warden Study**

Will invite Ken back to a meeting in the fall.

Concern for the gas leak at the end of the driveway. Nancy will call gas company to investigate.

- **New Sign for Pierce House- Update**

Need to go before the Historic Commission to start the process with a blurb in the paper 2 weeks before . Also need to get a meeting with the Planning Board and follow the process they have in place.

Need a plan in place to go before the Committees.

Idea from neighbors- stone wall with a large stone in place with Pierce House engraved on it. Jean, Nancy and Lucia will continue the research including talking to the Darlings on Lincoln Road who are having stone work done now.

What should sign say.? Simpler is better. With the year it was established. We will look into the requirements of the gift to see if there is signage requirements

- **Planning for Friends of Pierce House-501-3C**

Terry is working with Tim Higgins to begin the process

- **Pond Update**

Pond is filling in. Tom Gumbart of conservation commission said they will clean the drainage traps to see if it fixes it. We may need to dredge it.

V. Pierce House Manager's Report (handout Managers Report June 2018)

Committee reviewed and discussed the manager's Report and the current financial report. Mother's Day breakfast was well attended (132) but cost Pierce House \$3000. Like to run it again next year with prepayment and find sponsors for the event. Caterer was Tastings. Neighbor suggested Taste of Lincoln, modeled after Taste of the Vineyard. Could do it with different caterers.

Chandelier was replaced, purchased at May market at First Parish and donated to the House. Nancy will work on getting a refund from Yale Appliance.

VI. Action Items

a. Review/approval of May minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

b. Requisition approvals

c. Next Pierce House Committee meeting is July 18 at 4pm at Donaldson Room

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

“Our mission is to be stewards of this historic property so that residents of Lincoln, neighbors, and guests may continue to use the Pierce House as a venue to gather and celebrate, in keeping with the spirit of John H. Pierce's gift to the Town of Lincoln.” (approved March 20, 2016)