



Minutes of the Simes House Foundation General Meeting  
John Alden Club, 16 Minuteman Ln., Plymouth, MA  
September 18, 2014 7:00 pm

*These minutes are not verbatim, but are the secretary's interpretation of what took place at the meeting.*

Call to Order: 7:23 pm

Introduction of Officers and Directors: Randy Parker, Jim Pierson, Bill Keohan., Will Shain, Barbara Shain, Sandy King, Tina Manter, Galen Green, Jeff Metcalfe, Rick Welker.

***Motion*** by Will Shain to approve notice of meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Metcalfe. *Passes unanimously.*

Request by Jim Pierson to take business out of order, to hold the election of 2 expiring director's seats.

Two incumbents seeking re-election: Barbara Shain and Paul Williams. Two nominations: Mary Ellen Parker and Kristen Greenwood.

Vote: Barbara Shain: 15 plus 48 proxy = 63 \*\*re-elected for 3 year term\*\*

Paul Williams: 13 plus 48 proxy = 61 \*\*re-elected for 3 year term\*\*

Maryellen Parker: 17 plus 32 proxy = 49

Kristen Greenwood: 31 plus 17 proxy = 48

***Motion*** by Jim Pierson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Shain to waive reading of Minutes of last general meeting 6/19/14. *Passes unanimously.*

**President's Report:** Randy spoke on the bylaws, he would like to see them more balanced and membership based, therefore seeks to have them revised. Internal conflict with directors and officers continues.

**Vice president's Report:** Bill Keohan is now the 11<sup>th</sup> member of the BOD. Both the Simes House and St. Catherine's park are now property tax exempt. However, second half of FY 2014 taxes are payable, out of endowment money. The Mass. Historical Commission intends to nominate the Simes House for the National Register. The first wedding was held on the Simes grounds 7/12/14—it was a success!

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick reports that the St Catherine's bank account has \$1,500 in cash and \$83,000 in Vanguard. \$4,500 will be needed to cover SHFI expenses for the rest of 2014. Building insurance bill is \$4,700 through March 2015. Membership drive and fundraising needed! More than one-half million dollars are left of grant money for phase 2. Heather Cosby, CPA, will keep same fee for services. Financial Statements and progress were presented to BOD.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of General Meeting 6/19/14 are ready to be posted to the website.

**Building Committee:** Having a dedicated team has saved the expense of a project manager. BOD voted unanimously to have a full service kitchen. Kitchen plans submitted to health department. Karen Keane, member, will look into if the plans will fit into the needs of the community, as she is employed by the Health Dept.

**Capital Needs & Grants Committee:** Margaret McSharry reported that they will review 24 grant possibilities. There are not many grants that fund operating costs. No fundraising planned for the fall.

**G & O:** the grounds continued to be mowed as needed. Tree is being taken care of.

**Marketing & Membership:** There are 100 members as of 9/18.

**Events & volunteer:** Members want another general meeting to discuss committees. An explanation and duties of each committee are needed. What Chairs are available? Members who like to receive this via email or newsletter.

**History & Education:** MNO Landscaping donated pots for future plant sales. Developing curriculum for students w/ retired teachers. All lead paint must be removed before children can enter house.

**Other Business:**

- Motions by Jim Pierson, second by Galen, **to ratify the unanimous June 18<sup>th</sup> action of the BOD to remove J. Randolph Parker as President of the Simes House Foundation, Inc. as of this meeting.** 58 (10 + 48 proxy) in favor, 44 (31+14) against. Passes.
  - Discussion—Members would like to know what Randy did. They want full disclosure.
- Per Section 5 of Bylaws:
- Jim Pierson is acting president. Jim takes over meeting @ this point.
- ***Motion by Bill Keohan, second by Ida Parker, to disregard the vote to remove Randy as president. Does not pass 54 (6 + 48 proxy) against, 53 (36+17 proxy) for.***
- ***Motion by Kill Keohan, second by Sandy King, to disallow those proxy votes that were not notarized. Does not pass—57 (9+48 proxy) oppose, 40 (23+17proxy) for.***
- Remarks by Selectman Matt Muratore—vote taken 4 years ago, if the House was not opened by October 2013, it would revert back to the town. Guiding principles need to be established. Respect one another! Listen to each other. Figure it out. Get it opened!!
- Bill Keohan read letter from CPC.
- ***Motion by Will Shain, second by Randy Parker, to take this project to bid for phase two. Passes unanimously.***
- Attorney Kristen Greenwood suggested an online proxy voting system.
- Will Shain enters attorney letter.

- Motion to Adjourn by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Shain. 10:20pm

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