



Minutes of the Simes House Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Plymouth Town Hall-Harbor Room, Plymouth, MA

Oct. 7, 2015

Present: Pierson, Welker, Green, Williams, W.Shain, B.Shain, Manter

Absent: Parker, Keohan, Metcalfe, King

Call to order at 726pm

Secretary minutes of Sept 23, 2015 meeting

Welker move to accept; Green second.

Vote: Unanimous

Annual fall town meeting Article 16A

Discussion of project estimate document from Town of Plymouth.

MOTION

Motion to accept the following statement:

The Simes House Foundation, Inc., supports a cost-effective completion of the Simes House and Manomet Commons. However, at \$3.4 million, we cannot support Article 16A on the 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant. This funding request far exceeds what we had determined the additional costs should be, based on a formal quotation process from licensed general contractors with historic restoration experience. Based on our in-depth knowledge of the property, we also believe the additional costs of the added features will significantly increase future operational costs, which could jeopardize the economic self-sustainability of the property. To summarize, the foundation supports a cost-effective restoration of the Simes House and Manomet Commons.

Green move to accept; Manter second.

Vote: Unanimous

Mission statement revision

MOTION

To accept the following updated mission statement:

MISSION

To support a cost-effective restoration of the Simes House and Manomet Commons in Plymouth, Mass., for the benefit of the public. This support will include educating the public on the important history of the house, enhancing cultural identity, and encouraging community service. Our stewardship includes management of St. Catherine's Chapel Park at White Horse Beach as a self-sustaining community landmark. Our long-term vision includes the opportunity to manage the daily operations of the Simes House when the restoration project is complete.

W. Shain move to accept; Welker second.

Vote: Unanimous

MOTION

To amend the Simes House Foundation Inc. bylaws to reduce the number of directors to seven, exclusive of the selectmen's appointee.

Williams move to amend bylaws; second B. Shain
Vote: Unanimous

Action items:

W. Shain will prepare absentee ballot and email to board.

W. Shain will prepare amendment to bylaws to reduce number of directors to seven, add saving article.

Williams to revise brochure, make formal notice of general membership meeting, share Article 16A motion.

Williams motion to adjourn.

Adjournment at 915pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williams, Secretary