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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Agenda

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 7:00 PM
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

Members: Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Paul Russell, Isabel Nulter, Annmarie Fontecchio, Rich Eustis, Gene Liscombe

Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development; Secretary, Justin Tucker
Check attendance; call meeting to order

1. Demolition Applications to consider- none as of October 20, 2023
2. Review Minutes from September 27, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report—Annmarie Fontecchio
4. Report of CPC Meetings (Gene Liscombe)
5. Project Updates (Old Business)
 - A. Evergreen and Oakland Cemetery Stone Repair Project –Paul; CPC will meet on November 6 to discuss agreement we approved at our September meeting.
 - B. Local Historic Districts – need to begin work on this.
 - a. Update list of addresses and their current owners
 - b. Compose letter to them describing what we would like to do and enlisting their cooperation
 - C. Traffic-Signal Box wraps featuring historic Medway images - very positive feedback (message from Select Board member Dennis Crowley).
 - D. Signs (Garnsey house foundation, Ide House) –Isabel and Annmarie-signs have arrived, have been inspected, and are awaiting installation.
 - E. Update on next sign project--Annmarie and Isabel have completed researching the High-Street School (our current library) and are working on the West Medway railroad depot site
6. New Business
 - A. **VOTE** on invoice from Pannier (manufactured signs for Garnsey & Ide locations)
 - B. Report on Indigenous People Day (Cher is our representative)
 - C. Ide House needs repairs—report on town discussion, etc.

D. Historical Society and Commission posting of photos on our Facebook page—
appreciated

E. Revised list of historic sites in Medway that may deserve signs (attached to this
agenda)

7. Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 22, 2023, Senior Center, 7:00pm. Can we change
to November 29? **(Nov. 22 is night before Thanksgiving)** Or, if there is no pressing business, could
we cancel November and move the meeting to December 10 or December 17, since the 4th
Wednesday is Christmas Eve and no one will want to go to a meeting???

*The following list was first attached to the agenda for the June 10, 2020 regular meeting of the
Medway Historical Commission
It was attached again to January 25, 2023 agenda
Revised & attached to October 25, 2023 agenda & minutes*

List of significant properties and sites that should be researched and considered for a plaque or sign:

Town-owned properties: (project completed or underway)

1. High Street School (now the Library)
2. Site of Medway Elementary School (School Street, now a playground)
3. Garnsey foundation site, Village Street
4. Ide House (Main Street – Route 109)
5. West Medway Train Depot (near present police station)
6. Evergreen Cemetery (part owned by town, part owned privately)
7. Old Meeting House. There is a stone marker at Evergreen Cemetery, behind the Meeting House Day Care building. It looks like a tombstone.
8. Ishmael Coffee house site (exact site unknown, but on Coffee Street near Route 109)
This corner is town-owned. Realty Association (Paul Yorkis) is undertaking placement of an inscribed bench and a memorial park here and we may not need to place a sign ourselves.
9. Town Hall
10. Middle School
11. School house at Winthrop and Partridge Streets, now a little park
12. Old Dry Bridge (near Charles River Bank), property purchased by town in 2023

Privately-owned properties:

1. Anderson School (now private condominiums)
2. Torrent Fire House and Cole Library (private; deed-restricted)
3. Sanford Mill (has a plaque indoors and should have one on the outside, too)
4. Community Church (Rt. 109 & Lincoln)
5. Episcopal Church (School Street)
6. St. Joseph Catholic Church (Village Street, next to Town Hall)
7. Medway Village Church
8. Synagogue (Village St., now a private home)
9. Methodist-Episcopal Church (now the Masonic Hall), Cottage Street
10. Baptist Church (destroyed in 1938), corner of Winthrop & Main (now a duplex)
11. Old Parish House (private) Lincoln Street & Rt. 109
12. Parsonage (private) Route 109, opposite the Community Church
13. Old Inn (Slocumb Place & Rt. 109) (private)
14. The old Almshouse (AKA “The Poor Farm”) 68 Lovering Street, now 5 private apartments
15. The old Dog Pound, Holliston Street, near the Holliston Town Line, now a small neighborhood of newer, large homes
16. Old school house, 107 Holliston St., now a private home. (School House No.7 ??)