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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

Members in attendance: Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Isabel Nulter, Annmarie Fontecchio

Members absent: Rich Eustis, Paul Russell, Gene Liscombe

Others in attendance: Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development;
Secretary, Justin Tucker

Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission co-chair Cher Hamilton at 7:11pm.

1. Demolition Applications to consider- There were no applications to consider
2. Review Minutes from November 15, 2023 - *On a motion made by Ms. Nulter, seconded by Ms. Fontecchio, the Historical Commission voted 4-0-0 to approve the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes.*
3. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Fontecchio reported the Commission has \$1,033.72. Ms. Fontecchio updated the Commission on the information required for reimbursements of funds.
4. Report of CPC Meetings - *On a motion made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nulter, the Commission voted 4-0-0 to elect Paul Russell as the Historical Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.*
5. Project Updates (Old Business)
 - A. Evergreen and Oakland Cemetery Stone Repair Project –
Ms. Saint Andre reported the Select Board has approved the project and she has signatures on the grant agreements. Ms. Saint Andre reported that all paperwork has been filled out and everything is set to move forward.
 - B. Local Historic Districts -
The Commission reviewed a flow chart for establishing a local historic district and discussed how to begin deciding on what homes to include and a name for the district. Ms. Johnson stated a concern for how many restrictions would be implemented as there has been resistance in other towns from homeowners wanting to join a historic district. The Commission decided to begin by reading the Establishing Local Historic Districts guidelines and sample material provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission by the next meeting.
 - C. Installation of Ide House and Garnsey Foundation Signs -
Ms. Fontecchio reported this occurred on December 6, 2023. Ms. Johnson reported the Commission took pictures of the installation.

D. Sign Placement -

Ms. Fontecchio reported that both the police chief and Ms. Perkins, Library Director, were excited about the signs. Ms. Saint Andre asked about what grades the old High St. School held. Ms. Fontecchio and Ms. Nulter stated the newer school was an elementary school, but they could not find information on the grades of the original school.

The Commission discussed the timeline of the old High Street School of when it was closed as a school. Ms. Johnson stated she would contact Mary Jane White to see when it closed as a school.

6. New Business

A. CPA Funding for Next Year

Ms. Saint Andre stated the Commission should ask for \$4,500 which would cover the cost of 4 new signs. ***On a motion made by Ms. Nulter, seconded by Ms. Fontecchio, the Historical Commission voted 4-0-0 to approve the request for \$4,500 from the CPA for 2025.***

B. Letter from Ben Haley, National Register Director, about Ide House

Ms. Hamilton reported the Historical Society had a meeting last night. Marian Pierre-Louis is working on gathering the information on the Ide House to meet criteria for National Register of Historic Places. It looks like they will have enough information to put this through

C. Eastern MA Historical Commission Coalition Meeting 2/6 at 10 a.m.

Ms. Johnson sent the information to the Commission on this meeting.

D. Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust, Inc. Application

Ms. Saint Andre reported the Planning and Economic Development Board granted the Scenic Road Permit for the proposed parking area on Winthrop St.

7. Meeting with Finance Committee on Dec. 13th

Ms. Hamilton reported that the meeting was to gain information about projects both past and future. The Finance Committee was supportive of what the Commission is doing and has planned.

8. Historical Society Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 3, 1-4 p.m.

Ms. Hamilton reported this tour was successful.

9. Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Dec. 6

Ms. Johnson attended the appreciation dinner and reported it was very nicely done.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nulter at 8:25 and was approved by all.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Tucker, Secretary