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Cher Hamilton, Co-Chair
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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

Members in Attendance: Paul Russell, Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Isabel Nulter, Annmarie Fontecchio

Members Absent: Eugene Liscombe, Rich Eustis

Others Present: Secretary Justin Tucker

Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Co-Chair, Cher Hamilton at 7:04 PM.

Demolition Applications to consider -- None to consider.

Review Minutes of December 28, 2022, submitted by Justin Tucker and edited by Jeanne Johnson and Barbara Saint Andre

On a motion made by Cher Hamilton, seconded by Annmarie Fontecchio, the Historical Commission voted unanimously to approve the December 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe) – Mr. Liscombe was unable to attend the meeting, so the report was skipped.

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Project updates/discussion (Old Business)

- A. Evergreen Cemetery** – Paul Russell informed the Commission that Oakland Cemetery needs some work, but not as much as Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Russell and Kai Nalenz spoke, and it was decided there should be about 68 stones at Evergreen that needed to be repaired and reset, costing \$20,000 for the repairs and another \$5,000 for cleaning 80 gravestones. This would be the third phase of the job of cleaning and restoring gravestones. Oakland would need 50 gravestones and monuments repaired and reset, which would cost \$15,000. Funding would come from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Ms. Saint Andre informed the Commission that there needed to be a request for quotes sent out to at least three different companies since the amount of money is over the threshold of \$10,000. Mr. Russell stated that he has and will continue to touch base with the owners of each cemetery. The Town of Medway owns part of Evergreen Cemetery (with a Trust owning the other part), and The Village Church owns and maintains Oakland Cemetery.

- B. Local Historic District** – Jeanne Johnson said there was no need to discuss at this time.
- C. Flexible Wraps** - There has been no new information or updates given. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Hamilton stated that they will be getting together to work on the narratives needed for the wraps. The Historical Commission is waiting for the Cultural Council to move forward.
- D. Signs** - The Commission discussed choosing three locations for new signs. Cher Hamilton suggested starting with the Ide House because its current sign needs to be updated. There is currently just an old wooden sign on the house. The Commission commented on the quality of the sign that was done by the scouts who had access to a family member that owned a sign company. Ms. Johnson stated that they still have the contact information for the company if the Commission would like to go that route again. Ms. Saint Andre asked for clarification about what type of signage, signs that stated the name of the place or ones that contained historical information as well. Ms. Johnson commented that she liked the ones at the School St. Park where there is room for pictures and a narrative. Ms. Saint Andre suggested picking two locations that are on town property. The Commission decided on the Ide House and the Garnsey House Foundation. Isabel Nulter specified that they needed to come up with a picture and a narrative to put on the sign. Ms. Hamilton suggested forwarding the information of the company who did the other sign to get a quote for the new signs. Annmarie Fontecchio and Isabel Nulter will be responsible for the sign information and getting an estimate by the next Historical Commission meeting.

New Business

- A. Ishmael Coffee pocket park project (proposal at December 28 meeting from realtor Paul Yorkis)** - Ms. Hamilton informed the Commission about the updated biographical information about Ishmael Coffee that will be added to the site. The information was forwarded to Mr. Yorkis.
- B. Tombstone expert, Kai Nalenz** - Paul Russell had updated the group about the tombstone project earlier in the meeting.
- C. Ide House** - No current updates.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Isabel Nulter and seconded by Paul Russell at 7:35 and was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Justin Tucker

Documents reviewed at meeting: Gravestone restoration estimate (attached)

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Estimate

ADDRESS

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ESTIMATE # 1384

DATE 01/24/2023

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Conservation&Repair Repair and resetting of 68 gravestones and monuments at Evergreen Cemetery	1	20,000.00	20,000.00
Documentation Before and After photos	1	0.00	0.00
Crane/ hoist service	1	0.00	0.00
Conservation&Repair:Cleaning Cleaning 80 gravestones by hand and treatment with D/2 biological solution to remove lichen.	1	5,000.00	5,000.00

TOTAL

\$25,000.00

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ESTIMATE # 1385

DATE 01/24/2023

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Conservation&Repair Repair and resetting of 50 gravestones and monuments at Oakland Cemetery.	1	15,000.00	15,000.00
Crane/ hoist service	1	0.00	0.00
Documentation Before and After photos	1	0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$15,000.00

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Accepted Date