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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

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

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development,  
Secretary Justin Tucker

**Guests:** None present

**Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:04 p.m.**

**Review Minutes of March 22, 2023, submitted by Justin Tucker.**

On a motion made by Ms. Nulter, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the Historical Commission voted 6-0-1 to approve the March 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Eustis had not yet arrived when the vote was made.

**Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe) –** Mr. Liscombe reported that the Commission still has a \$2,500 budget.

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC) report (Gene Liscombe & Paul Russell) –** Mr. Russell stated that the CPC gave the approval for the Oakland and Evergreen Cemetery project, and the two signs for the Ide House and Garnsey Foundation for the amount of \$64,000 total.

**Project updates/discussion (Old Business)**

- A. Evergreen Cemetery –** Mr. Russell reported that both private owners of the cemeteries were present at the CPC meeting.
- B. Local Historic Districts –** Mrs. Johnson reported that the project is still on hold
- C. Traffic-Signal box wraps featuring historical Medway scenes –** The Commission had a presentation ready for the Select Board and passed it around for review. Mrs. Johnson gave a brief history of the project. Mr. Eustis stated that there was some confusion and misunderstanding from the Select Board about choosing pictures for the project. Mr. Eustis told the Select Board that this step had already been done and has clarified any confusion with the Select Board about the project. The Board had no issue with the photos that the Commission had selected. The Select Board has scheduled the Commission to present the project on Monday, May 1st. Ms. Hamilton stated that the project has been approved by Design Review. Ms. Hamilton,

Mr. Eustis, Ms. Fontecchio and Mr. Russell will be attending the meeting.

**On a motion made by Mr. Eustis and seconded by Paul Russell, the Historical Commission voted unanimously to approve the estimate of \$650.00 for Ben Phillips Design to design the boxes for the traffic box wraps.**

- D. **Signs (Garnsey house foundation, Ide House)** - Ms. Nulter and Ms. Fontecchio stated that a more local company to make the signs may be more affordable and include layout design in the cost. Ms. Nulter and Ms. Fontecchio had talked to Ben Phillips Design about creating the layout for the signs. Ms. Nulter and Ms. Fontecchio plan to compare price options to report to the Commission.

**On a motion made by Ms. Fontecchio, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Historical Commission voted unanimously to approve the narratives on the Ide House and the Garnsey Homestead for the sign project.**

- E. **Garnsey Historic Site; Dog Park Sign** - Ms. Saint Andre discussed the signage with DPW and Allison Potter, and they all wondered if there should be a lock on the gate. The Commission discussed adding a lock to keep people out before adding a sign. The Commission recommended putting a lock on the fence.

## **New Business**

- A. **Open Space Committee asked for input on a historical sign at Woodland Park** - Ms. Hamilton informed the Commission that the Open Space Committee was asking if anyone knew any history about the Park. The Park is located in Franklin, but is accessed in Medway. No member knew much about the park, but Ms. Fontecchio recommended looking in the Town of Franklin Historical archives.

Ms. Hamilton brought to the Commission that someone had asked to add old train depots on Broad St. and Winter St. to the list of signs for historical sites. The Commission discussed the list that was made of the various historical locations to be considered for signs in the future.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Isabel Nulter and seconded by Paul Russell at 8:13pm and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Respectfully submitted by Justin Tucker*

Documents reviewed at meeting: Box wraps presentation