



TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Minutes

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

In-person Meeting at Senior Center, Oakland Street

*Commission
Members*

Jeanne Johnson,
Chair
Paul Russell, Vice
Chair
Eugene Liscombe,
Treasurer,
Representative to
Community
Preservation
Committee
Cher Hamilton,
Member
McKenzie Ward,
Member
Morgan Harris,
Member
Rich Eustis,
Member

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Morgan Harris,
Paul Russell

Members Absent: Rich Eustis, McKenzie Ward, Gene Liscombe

Others Present: Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Community and
Economic Development; Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:07 PM.

Annual re-organization of the Commission: On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Morgan, the Historical Commission voted unanimously to continue with the same officers.

Jeanne read aloud a letter regarding Evergreen Cemetery.

II. Demolition applications to consider: None.

III. Minutes to consider – May 26, 2021

On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Cher, the Historical Commission unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2021. (with 2 corrections noted)

IV. Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe)

Defer until July meeting.

V. CPC Report (Gene Liscombe)

Gene mentioned CPC met on May 3rd. He stated there was discussion on the tennis courts at the CPC meeting. There is interest in rebuilding the tennis courts at the High School. No decisions were made.

VI. Old business – Project Updates

A. Evergreen Cemetery Application approved

Jeanne read aloud earlier in the meeting. Paul has no updates currently.

B. Flag poles for cemeteries and park fencing for Garnsey house

Barbara will get contact information for installing a flagpole at Evergreen Cemetery. Jeanne shared contact info of Tim Harris for Buz Johnson Park. Paul will call DPW regarding the fence. He wants to be involved in ensuring the fence protects what is expected.

C. Traffic-signal box wraps.

Paul plans to measure sides of the flat areas of the boxes. Ms. Saint Andre asked which boxes they were interested in wrapping. Paul said along 109, Holliston Street, right in front of Medway Plaza, Restaurant 45 parking lot, and Rabbit Hill District (controls traffic signals). 12-13 boxes. Only in high traffic walking areas. Paul will reach out to Cultural Council to make sure they do not have plans with the boxes already. Paul suggests maybe only doing the front and back. Sample photos of the boxes are attached to these minutes.

D. Local Historic Districts.

Report on the procedure and findings by HC members. Paul forwarded his findings. Jeanne questioned if the members were interested in pursuing this and trying to do what the Town of Lincoln has done. Paul suggested looking at state regulations first – town regulations would have to go through a town meeting. Local historic district can have more protection. National does not offer much protection. Members discussed various restrictions that can be in place. Research and sharing this information with the Town will be important. A letter, visit, research, and a sign on the site. A map of the Town of Lincoln showing historic districts is attached to these minutes.

VII. New business

A. Inquiry from citizen about sign for historical house – referred to Historical Society (Sheila Dubroski): Historical Society ordered the sign for the home owner.

B. Further guidelines from state on open meeting law, remote access, zoom meetings, etc
Morgan shared information packets. Members should sign and then forward back to Stephany at Town Hall.

Barbara reminded members to complete Conflict of Interest training- occurs every two years.

Eagle Scouts are working on a project to create a weather resistant sign for Harry Buzz park. Jeanne mentioned that this Commission should do a similar sign for Garnsey Foundation site and possibly other locations. Cher mentioned she can help with this project.

VII. Other discussion?

Stick with the 4th Wednesday of the month.

On a motion made by Cher; seconded by Paul, the Historical Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:53 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary



These minutes were approved at the August 26, 2021 meeting of the Historical Commission.

Measurements of traffic control boxes: 54 inches high x44 inches wide.



Town of Lincoln Historic Districts

Legend

-  Lincoln Historic District
-  Brown's Wood Historic District

