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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

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

Members Absent: Rich Eustis, Gene Liscombe, Paul Russell

Others Present: Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development,

Guests: None present

Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Co-Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

Review Minutes of May 24, 2023, submitted by Justin Tucker.

On a motion made by Ms. Nulter, seconded by Ms. Fontecchio, the Historical Commission voted 4-0 to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe) – Mr. Liscombe was not present at this meeting.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) report (Gene Liscombe & Paul Russell) – Mr. Liscombe was not present at this meeting.

Project updates/discussion (Old Business)

- A. **Evergreen Cemetery** – No new updates. Nothing can get started until July 1,
- B. **Local Historic Districts** – Ms. Hamilton reported that the project is still on hold.
- C. **Traffic-Signal box wraps featuring historical Medway scenes** - Ms. Hamilton reported that the Commission needs to determine which theme will be used for which utility box. Three of the boxes have an additional panel that will need have a cut for access, those are the traffic signal boxes at Winthrop Street, Choate Park, and Franklin Street. The members first discussed whether each photograph should have an identification on it, and agreed that they should. The members discussed which theme should be used for each of the utility boxes, and the consensus was:

Location	Theme
1. Medway Block	Businesses, waterways, dams
2. Winthrop St	Agricultural homes and farms
3. Learning Tree	Ide House
4. Choate Park	Celebrations, police, fire
5. Squire Dean House	Schools
6. Franklin St	Streets

Ms. Nulter moved that the Commission accept the themes for the traffic signal boxes as discussed, seconded by Ms. Fontecchio, voted 4-0

Ms. Saint-Andre reported that the Select Board approved an inter-departmental transfer for funds of \$5,000. Waiting on the finance committee's approval.

- D. Signs (Garnsey house foundation, Ide House)** – Ms. Fontecchio and Ms. Nulter reported that we are waiting for the Community Preservation Act funding to become available on July 1st. The designs will need to be presented to the Design Review Committee at its meeting on July 17th. Ms. Nulter and Ms. Fontecchio plan to attend that meeting. It will then go to the Select Board, Ms. Nulter stated she can attend that meeting. It was brought up that the Commission should make a recommendation as to where to place the signs. For the Ide House, it was suggested that it be placed in front of the well, and for the Garnsey house foundation site, that it be placed along Village Street next to the sidewalk. We will check with DPW and the Town Manager on placement.
- E. Garnsey Historic Site; Dog Park Sign** - Ms. Fontecchio reported that the sign has been posted at the gate in the dog park to keep dogs out. There is no lock yet.

New Business

Ms. Hamilton stated that the historical survey that the Commission performed a number of years ago needs to be re-done. She has been reviewing some of the survey files and some are not complete or need corrections. Ms. Johnson stated that Mr. Russell had digitized and organized these files some time ago, and we should check the digital files which should be on the Commission webpage.

Ms. Hamilton suggested having the Commission meetings at the Ide House rather than at the Senior Center. Ms. Saint Andre stated she checked on this, there are reservations as to the accessibility. The Ide House is not used for public board meetings at this time. Ms. Hamilton also expressed concerns about the storage of the Commission records in the basement at Town Hall.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23, 2023.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Nulter, the Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara J. Saint Andre
Director, Community and Economic Development