



**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**Minutes**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom

*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

**Members in Attendance (virtually):** Jeanne Johnson, Gene Liscombe, Paul Russell, Cher Hamilton

**Members Absent:** McKenzie Ward, Morgan Harris

**Others Present (virtually):** Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Community and Economic Development, Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary; Richard Eustis (Potential New Member)

I. Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:05 PM. Jeanne introduced Rich Eustis and Commission members introduced themselves.

**II. No demolition applications to consider**

**III. Minutes to consider**

**A. November 4, 2020**

On a motion made by Paul Russell, seconded by Gene Liscombe, the Historical Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve minutes of November 4, 2020.

Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Aye
Cher Hamilton	Aye				

**B. December 2, 2020**

On a motion made by Paul Russell, seconded by Gene Liscombe, the Historical Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve minutes of December 2, 2020.

Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Aye
Cher Hamilton	(Abstain)				

**IV. Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe)**

Gene receives a statement every month from the Town Accountant; our balance remains \$2,500. Question about expenditure of \$16 some months ago; it should have been deducted. Ms. Saint Andre stated she will double check on this.

**V. CPC Report (Gene Liscombe):** No recent CPC Meeting.

**VI. Old business – Spring Town Meeting Articles (Annual Town Meeting is May 10, 2021)**

**A. Funding for Garnsey Park fencing**

Due to the State budget process differing from last Fall, the article requesting funding using CPA funds could not go forward at the fall Town Meeting. Our articles will be on the May 10th Town Meeting

Warrant. Jeanne received an email from Allison Potter saying the warrant closes on February 16th. The articles from the Fall meeting that did not get funded will roll over to the Spring meeting. The quote for the fencing was good for twelve months. Jeanne briefed Rich on the project.

**B. Cost of flagpoles for 3 sites as discussed in November and December- Paul Russell is handling**

*[From November minutes: Paul contacted the company who put the flagpole in previous locations, Eagle Flag of America in Hingham. for 2 flagpoles –\$650, installation is \$200 per flagpole & \$225 for 1 solar light. Total is \$1,075 per flagpole – around \$3,300 for 3 flag poles. Paul will work on an official quote to put forward to CPA.]* Paul does not have an updated quote yet. Warrant closes on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Paul will put this in and give them the exact figures later.

On a motion made by Gene Liscombe, seconded by Cher Hamilton, the Historical Commission voted to unanimously approve the article for May 10<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting warrant to fund the purchase and placement of 3 flag poles as discussed at November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.

<b>Jeanne Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Paul Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Gene Liscombe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cher Hamilton</b>	<b>Aye</b>				

**C. Historically significant sites in Medway**

Oakland Cemetery– Historically important to the Town of Medway. Jeanne suggests writing a letter naming the three cemeteries (Evergreen, Oakland, St. Joseph) and the newly-dedicated Harry T. ‘Buz’ Johnson Park historically significant to Medway’s history, the letter to be addressed to the Board of Selectmen, CPC Chairman Mark Cerel, Town Administrator Michael Boynton, Admin Assistant Allison Potter, and Town Accountant Carol Pratt. Jeanne asked members if she should send this letter.

On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Gene, the Historical Commission unanimously determined to designate Oakland Cemetery as historically significant to Medway (prominent historic location in the Town of Medway. 1860- worthy of being preserved and cared for.)

<b>Jeanne Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Paul Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Gene Liscombe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cher Hamilton</b>	<b>Aye</b>				

**Other Discussion**

Cher brought up the list of 30 plus historical buildings/sites that, with some research, may deserve to be recognized with signs. Last spring the Commission discussed reaching out to a high school student who was interested in assisting with research, and Kenzie had offered to teach said student how to proceed with such an effort. Rich asked if it was a sign with the name of the location or a summary of the historical background. Cher offered her assistance. Jeanne stated she would share the list with Cher. The list is attached to past minutes.

Barbara found a walking tour pamphlet of sites in the Medway Village National Historic District. The map, prepared some years ago by Eagle Scout Timothy Dobday, gives a brief description of each of the buildings. At the end there is a note that states the guide is not complete. The pamphlet may be found at the Town Hall, by contacting the Medway Historical Society, or downloaded from the Medway Historical Society website.

**On a motion made by Paul; seconded by Gene, the Historical Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:51 PM.**

<b>Jeanne Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Paul Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Gene Liscombe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Cher Hamilton</b>	<b>Aye</b>				

**Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021, via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Feb. 3, 2021 (virtual) meeting of the Historical Commission.