

Medway Historical Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Call to order at 7:30 by chairman Jeanne Johnson. Johnson, Treasurer, Eugene Liscome, Cher Hamilton and new member, Kenzie Ward were present, Ward at time of this writing needs to be sworn in. Vice-Chair, Paul Russell, Bruce Hamblin and Kathleen Hickey were absent.

Chairman Johnson said because of the lack of a quorum agenda items would be informally discussed with no decisions or votes taken.

A discussion took place concerning the barn at 260 Village Street. Chairman Johnson had spoken with Ann Parr about the future of the barn and the lifting of the demolition ban. Lifting of the 12-month ban was briefly discussed and is possible in the near future. The building inspector said the barn is not salvageable because of rotting wood, however chestnut planks in the building may be valuable. The barn will be discussed at the September meeting.

Three memorial benches were purchased for cemeteries. There is a balance in the account of \$200 dollars.

There was discussion of having the Evergreen Cemetery placed on the National Registry of Historic places; member Paul Russell is handling this project. The cemetery commissioners awarded funding to help get the cemetery on the registry; there is a request for quotes for finishing the research on the cemetery to complete the application to get it nominated for the registry. There are 15 researchers that have been highlighted by Paul and he suggests that one be chosen for the project. Paul and Barbara St. Andre limited the firms to those firms that have worked on cemeteries in the past. The project must be completed by June of 2020, there is a possibility of an extension until October of 2020 but if the money is not expended by that time the funding goes away.

A brief discussion took place about house plaques. The Sanford Mill has applied. Member Cher Hamilton is working on this project along with the Historical Society.

Members discussed the development of a model of the original town hall, it would be a 3-D model with a quarter inch or half-inch model, and the cost is expensive, about \$5 thousand dollars using the 3-D printer. A teacher at the high school said he doesn't believe the project would work. This will be discussed again. Member Paul Russell is working on this idea along with Matt Williston, an architectural student.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

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