

**Medway Historical Commission**  
**Minutes**  
Historical Society Museum, 223 Main St., Medway, MA  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Check attendance and CTO at 7:35 p.m.: Gene, Jeanne, Bruce, Paul. Absent: Cher Kathleen (Reardon) Hickey has been appointed to this Commission by the Board of Selectmen but was unable to join us tonight.

Our night secretary, Filipa, informed Jeanne by e-mail that she won't be able to attend our meetings any more to take notes (evening child care issues).

2. There were no notices of Intent to Demolish as of today.

3. Minutes of our September 5 meeting were sent out by e-mail as well as a printed copy passed around at this meeting. There was one correction. Bruce moved that the minutes be approved and Paul seconded the motion. All agreed.

4. Treasurer's report –Gene reported no financial activity.

5. CPC Report -- Gene reported that at their September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Paul Russell addressed the committee about our Evergreen Cemetery Project and the need for funds to hire a consultant to finish the process of having the cemetery nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Jim Weiler spoke about project selection criteria when someone or some group has a project they would like funded with CPA funds. There was discussion of the natural amphitheater down by the Charles River. At their October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting they discussed the Fall Town Meeting taking place on November 19. Two projects they will put forth are our request for \$13,000 for a consultant (see above) and \$88,000 to extend the hiking trail to Lovering Street, near the Larussi development. The CPC noted they will receive \$92,000 less than was estimated in the spring from funding. The LOSS is \$30,040 for Affordable Housing, \$31,040 for Open Space/Recreation, and \$31,040 for Historical Resources/Preservation.

6. Project updates/recap

A. Evergreen—CPC approves our project asking for \$13,000 for hiring a consultant. Town meeting will vote on Nov. 19 and we anticipate no problem getting approval.

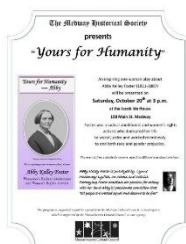
B. New members for this commission -- now that Kathleen has been appointed, we are short just one member.

C. House plaques for historical houses—no report

D. Original-town-hall model—on hold

7. New business that may come before this commission.

A. Invitation to Historical Society program on Sat., Oct. 20. All are invited to this interesting program.



B. Jeanne and Gene met with Barbara Saint Andre (Director of Community and Economic Development) and Susie Affleck Childs (Planning & Economic Development Coordinator) Thursday, Sept. 6 to discuss proposed changes to the multi-family overlay district, which will be on the warrant for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. This is an effort to cause as little negative effect as possible on Medway's Historic Districts when new housing/businesses are proposed in these areas.

C. Jeanne received this message by E-mail (through the Town's website) from historian Roger G. Reed; she passed it on to Paul Russell.

Dear Ms. Johnson.

I work for the National Park Service (National Register Program) in Washington and have been working on a special study of New England connected farmhouses. In looking for early examples I came across the Jacob Ide House.

While the house itself is dated to 1816, the ell and barn may have been added later. As far as I can tell, no in-depth study of the property has been done. Since it has recently been acquired by the town, I thought perhaps such a study is in the works.

If you can be of any help, I would love to hear from you.

Roger G. Reed, Historian  
202-354-2278

Paul has been in touch with Roger; Roger is extremely pleased with Paul's knowledge and resources available about the IDE House, and Paul believes Roger can be a good resource as we move forward with nominating the house to the National Register.

D. Paul wants to work on getting the IDE House and the TORREY House (next door) nominated to the National Register after the Evergreen project is underway or finished. We all agree this is a good project to pursue.

E. Bruce asked if any of us knows where the old horse drinking trough is, the one formerly in front of the "Big White Church" on Main Street? Dave D'Amico (highway/public works) at one time said it would be stored and installed elsewhere at a later date. None of us knows right now exactly where it is.

Gene moved that we adjourn at 8:28; Bruce seconded the motion; all agreed. Our next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30, at the Historical Society Museum.

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