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# TOWN OF MEDWAY
## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Agenda**
**Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 7:00PM**
**Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street**

Members: Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Paul Russell, Isabel Nulter, Annmarie Fontecchio, Rich Eustis, Gene Liscombe

Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development; Secretary, Justin Tucker
Check attendance;

Call meeting to order

1. Demolition Applications to consider- - none as of Jan. 22
2. Review Minutes from November 15, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report—Annmarie Fontecchio

4. Report of CPC –Gene Liscombe said at our last meeting (Nov. 15) that he would not mind if we elected someone else to represent the HC since the CPC has now returned to in-person meetings at the High School library. Paul Russell volunteered to do this for us. Annmarie said she will also attend their meetings when she can. VOTE on this tonight.

5. Project Updates (Old Business)
    A. Evergreen and Oakland Cemetery Stone Repair Project –Paul –Select Board approved? Grant agreements (Christine Spencer, Treasurer, Evergreen Cem) (Roger Cummings, contact for Oakland Cem)

    B. Local Historic Districts – Paul updated list of addresses and their current owners before our November meeting.
        We will spend time tonight discussing our expectations for a local historic district. Paul suggested we might start with just a few houses, perhaps those from 1750 and earlier, to shorten our starting list.
        Barbara said she would check on what rules apply on local historic districts. She forwarded to Jeanne an email on the Brookline multi-site historic district that might be of interest. The state's Attorney General has recently approved Brookline's new thematic, multi-site Olmsted-Richardson Local Historic District.
Here is a link to the LHD's study
report. https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25464/Olmsted-HHR-SR-81421?bidId=

    C. Medway DPW installed the signs marking the Ide House and Garnsey Foundation site as historic sites.

D. Sign placement--Annmarie and Isabel met with the police chief regarding sign placement and will meet with Margaret Perkins at the library on Monday.

E. Annmarie and Isabel -- research on old RR stations

6. New Business

A. Discuss potential CPA funding for next fiscal year (FY 2025) for projected historical sign project continuation. (Warrant deadline for annual town meeting?)

B. Letter from Ben Haley, National Register Director, MA Historical Commission, regarding eligibility of Ide House and its next-door neighbor at 160 Main Street, the Mary (Ide) Torrey house, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. More research is needed. Cher and Paul update. Historical Society is working on this.

C. Save the Date! Eastern MA Historical Commission Coalition Meeting 2/6 10 am (Virtual meeting) Gain insights into safeguarding our region's historical resources from demolition at the upcoming EMHCC meeting. This gathering is essential for anyone involved in heritage conservation and promises a valuable and informative experience. From:jennifer.doherty@sec.state.ma.us

D. Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust, Inc. application to remove 4 trees and some stones from a stone wall at 116 Winthrop Street (near the house of the late Grace Hoag) to build a 4-space parking lot for users of the nearby scenic trail. Application was forwarded to Jeanne by Barbara Saint Andre. Public hearing was on Jan. 9. Outcome?

7. Meeting with Finance Committee on Dec. 13th –Cher and Paul report

8. Historical Society Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 3, 1-4 p.m. was very successful.

9. Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Dec. 6—very nice event, attended by many from various town committees.

Adjourn

Next meeting will be Wednesday February 28, 2024, Senior Center, 7:00pm