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TOWN OF MEDWAY
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Notice and Agenda
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00 PM
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

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

Staff: 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 Feb. 26
2. Possible discussion from members of the public:
 - a. Realtor Paul Yorkis (discuss “pocket park” project in memory of Ishmael Coffee)
 - b. Marisol Benner (owner of 195-197 Main Street, deed-restricted buildings) to discuss possible grants/funding for work on the old fire house
 - c. Our member Rich Eustis has said he will resign.
3. Review and potentially vote to approve minutes from January 24, 2024
4. Treasurer's Report—Annmarie Fontecchio
5. Report of Community Preservation Committee – Annmarie Fontecchio
6. Project Updates (Old Business)
 - A. Evergreen and Oakland Cemetery Stone Repair Project –Paul –Select Board approved Grant agreements, both signed (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. Do the homes in the district need a theme? Would we need a consultant? We are considering doing the “Flats” of the lower Village Street area near the Timothy Partridge Ordinary as a local district.
 - C. Sign placement (High Street School and RR stations)— Annmarie and Isabel – Police Chief and Library Director have agreed to sign locations. Sign details were given to HC members at the Jan 2024 meeting for edits. Are these done? Once edits are complete, we will place the order thru Barbara.

7. New Business

A. Discuss potential CPA funding for next fiscal year (FY 2025) for projected historical sign project continuation. We have asked for \$4500 at annual town meeting for 4 additional signs for 2024. We also added Thayer House and Choate Park to our future sign list. Choose next signs to work on?

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.

Adjourn

Next meeting will be Wednesday March 27, 2024, Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.