



TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Agenda

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Medway Senior Center, 76 Oakland St.

Members

Jeanne Johnson,
Chair

Paul Russell, Vice
Chair

Eugene Liscombe,
Treasurer,
Representative to
Community
Preservation
Committee

Bruce Hamblin,
Member

Cher Hamilton,
Member

Kathleen Hickey,
Member

McKenzie Ward,
Member

Call to order; check attendance: Gene Liscombe, Cher Hamilton, Jeanne Johnson, Bruce Hamblin, Paul Russell, Kathleen Hickey, Kenzie Ward

I. Demo Applications and Property Questions -- none as of Jan. 31

II. Consider minutes of November, December and January 15, 2020

III. Treasurer's report (Gene)

IV. CPC report (Gene)

V. Updates on ongoing projects

A. Our FB page has 165 members (Jan. 31, 2020)

B. Evergreen Cemetery update (Paul Russell)

On Jan. 23 several people met at the cemetery, then met with Barbara Saint Andre at Town Hall.

Gretchen Pineo, PAL

Laura Kline, PAL

Ben Hayes, MASS. Historical Commission

Paul Russell, Vice Chair of Medway HC

Jeanne Johnson, Chair, Medway HC

Summary: Phase one, project research, is complete. Ben wanted to see the cemetery and certain headstones to get a feel for the project. Phase two will proceed.

C. List of significant Medway buildings that should have plaques. (Jeanne) Cher was going to prepare a letter to be sent to owners. Kathy and Bruce will refine list and significance. See November minutes for list at that time.

D. HS students' future involvement. Any further ideas?

E. Tim Rice – digitizing photos; he planned to start in January. Any news?

VI. Other items for discussion

A. Dog park fence—project done many years ago as Eagle Scout project; fence around the GARNSEY house foundation (oldest house in Medway) was to protect and separate it from the newly-established dog park. Fence is now falling apart and needs to be replaced. Fred Sibley discussed this with us on January 15. Aimee ?? dropped off pictures. Dog Park committee wants to be involved in any decisions. Did Jeanne contact Selectmen to inquire about removing some of the fill around the foundation? Is it time to contact Mass Historical to ask for names of someone to head up a small “excavation project” around the old foundation? Fred convinced us that the fenced area needs to be expanded and a separate access gate provided that doesn't require visitors to walk through the dog park.

B. Payment to PAL for Phase 1 work—Barbara

C. Message from Assistant Town Administrator Allison Potter: On Monday, the Board of Selectmen voted to open the May 11 Annual and Special Town Meeting warrants. If your board or committee anticipates requesting an article to be placed on either warrant, please let the Town Administrator's office know by February 14.

VI. New Business

A. Do we have any articles to be put on the warrant? Possibly --funding for new fence around the old Garnsey foundation? Fred Sibley sent e-mail to Jeanne; may have further ideas about this.

B. Annual Report—TH notified Jeanne it is due

VII. Adjourn; next meeting March 4, Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.

Aside: On Jan. 20 or 21, Jeanne received a phone call from Gregory Stahl (508-384-3495, home; 508-930-9111, cell—one of these doesn't work; must be an official #); Mr. Stahl works with businesses in Woburn and Roxbury and is a member of the Wrentham Historical Commission. The Coyle Auction Gallery called him saying they have an estate sale coming up that includes glass slides that may be of interest to historical societies in Franklin, Medway, and Wrentham. Mr. Stahl had no information about the slides other than they were done by an amateur and haven't been seen by anyone he knows of. The owner apparently was affiliated with Wrentham State School. Wrentham's Historical Society disbanded and their artifacts and "stuff" were turned over to the Wrentham Historical Commission and are currently located in the Wrentham Museum. He wondered if Medway and Franklin might be interested in getting together to bid on the slides even though we don't know what is on them.