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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Agenda

January 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Medway Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street

Check attendance; call meeting to order: Paul Russell, Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Eugene Liscombe, Rich Eustis,

Isabel Nulter, Annmarie Fontecchio

Secretary: Justin Tucker

Guests?

- 1. Demolition applications to consider- none as of January 23.
- 2. Minutes: review December 28, prepared by Secretary Justin Tucker
- 3. Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe)
- 4. Report of CPC meetings (Gene Liscombe)
- 5. Project updates/discussion (Old Business)
 - A. Evergreen and Oakland Cemeteries -signs? Tombstone repairs?
 - B. Local Historic Districts—still on hold
- C. Flexible wraps featuring historical Medway scenes around traffic signal boxes (Paul) (Rich)—reports on picture selection, narrative descriptions of pictures, etc.? This Commission selected photos at a special meeting on October 19 at Sanford Hall. This is our "big project" now. Jeanne and Cher are reviewing the narrative that will accompany the Ide House photos.
- D. Signs (cemeteries, Garnsey house foundation, Drybridge Crossing). Cher suggested we select 2 or 3 locations to concentrate on at one time and work until we get them done. Isabel and Annmarie are working on this project.
- 6. New Business
 - A. Ishmael Coffee pocket park project (proposal at December 28 meeting from realtor Paul Yorkis)
 - B. Tombstone expert, Kai Nalenz
 - C. Ide House: committee formed yet?

7. Adjourn

Next meeting: scheduled for 4th Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 at the Senior Center.

Attached: list of historic sites that may be considered for signs. (List attached to this agenda)

This list is attached to the agenda for the June 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Medway Historical Commission

Also attached to January 25, 2023 agenda (with additions and minor changes)

List of significant properties/sites that should be researched and considered for a plaque or sign:

- 1. Anderson School (now private condominiums)
- 2. High Street School (now the Library)
- 3. Torrent Fire House and Cole Library (private)
- 4. Sanford Mill (has a plaque indoors and should have one on the outside, too)
- 5. Community Church
- 6. Episcopal Church
- 7. St. Joseph Catholic Church
- 8. Medway Village Church
- 9. Synagogue (Village St., now a private home)
- 10. Methodist-Episcopal Church (now the Masonic Hall), Cottage Street
- 11. Baptist Church (destroyed in 1938), corner of Mechanic & Main (now townhouses)
- 12. Site of Medway Elementary School (School Street, now a playground)
- 13. Garnsey foundation site, Village Street
- 14. Coffey house site (exact site unknown, but on Coffee Street near Route 109)
- 15. Medway Middle School (1962)
- 16. Old Parish House (private) Lincoln Street & Rt. 109
- 17. Parsonage (private) Route 109, opposite the Community Church
- 18. Old Inn (Slocumb Place & Rt. 109) (private)
- 19. Ide House/Museum (check the condition of the present sign)
- 20. Town Hall
- 21. Old Dry Bridge (near Charles River Bank), property to be purchased by town in 2023
- 22. The old Almshouse (AKA "The Poor Farm") 68 Lovering Street, now 5 private apartments
- 23. The old Dog Pound, Holliston Street, near the Holliston Town Line, now a small neighborhood of newer, large homes
- 24. Old school house, 107 Holliston St., now a private home. (School House No.7??)
- 25. School house at Winthrop and Partridge Streets, now a little park
- 26. Old Meeting House site (added 1/25/2023), Village Street. There is a stone marker at Evergreen Cemetery, behind the Meeting House Day Care building. It looks like a tombstone.