

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton and Anne-Marie Nolan. Dick Rossman presided.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Website: Dan has added the birthday cards made by the elementary school students for the Lucy Stone celebration. He has also added information on the upcoming White Christmas event (12/2/18).

Treasurer's Report: Anne-Marie provided a written report.

Also, it was unanimously voted to reimburse Dan \$72.55 from the Historic Donations Account (\$26.99 for badges and \$45.66 for tickets).

H.S. Scholarship: There was discussion of how the application form should be changed to make it an essay scholarship:

- a. The subject of the essay will be an area historical figure connected with West Brookfield. By next meeting we will develop a list of 10 possibilities for the applicant to choose from.
- b. The applicant must a high school senior (Quaboag H.S., home-school, or school-choice) and have demonstrated an intent to attend a 4-year college.
- c. The availability of the scholarship will be publicized in advance in the local newspapers.

Lucy Stone: Nothing to report.

Methodist Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Collapsed Structure: Nothing to report.

Town Hall Maintenance: Dick provided us copies of the 2003 "PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT between the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS by and through the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION and the Town of West Brookfield", and we reviewed the maintenance requirements it imposes. In the light of what appears to have been inadequate maintenance since the agreement was entered into in 2003, the question arises of what course of action should be taken. Since a number of Commission members plan to attend the upcoming MHC-sponsored historic preservation workshops on November 2nd and 8th, it was decided to seek advice at those workshops.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Members will attend the aforementioned workshops.

Visit to American Antiquarian Society to be arranged when feasible.

White Christmas is scheduled for 12/2/18.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:00 P.M. Next meeting November 7, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary