

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton and Anne-Marie Nolan. Dick Rossman presided. We were joined also by Jesse Morrison, who has expressed an interest in the Commission's work.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- Dan indicated he will accept administrator and tech support responsibilities. Also, bill has been received for domain name renewal (one year?), and Dan will pay it, to be reimbursed later. Ron asked Ben (Bullock) if he would be willing to serve as backup, and Ben indicated that he will. The question was asked how many "hits" the site has been receiving, and hopefully we can get that information.

Indian Trail- Dan handed out a revised version of the trail guide (based on suggestions, etc. made at our last meeting) for us to go through for any further suggestions. He will submit a bill for printing costs he has incurred.

Franklin Marker- Nothing to report (Will probably be installed in the Spring).

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

Lucy Stone Site- Amy has indicated she is working on providing the information recently requested.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins have been at the site recently (11/22 and 12/3), and say they are now in the process of finishing Phase 3. Anne-Marie and Dan visited them on their recent trip.

Methodist Cemetery- The Fannins have started on the research work. The total cost of the work will be \$7,000.

Master Plan- The Plan is available for viewing online, and will be presented to the Planning Board sometime in December. Some of the features: local historic district bylaw not recommended, demolition delay bylaw recommended, stress made on importance of historical preservation, formation of implementation committee recommended.

Collapsed Structure- Nothing to report (Waiting for grant determination by A.G. Office).

Town Hall Maintenance- Still waiting for railing to be repaired. Also, doors need repair.

Library Program: Program featuring Judith Kaloara on WWII Women scheduled for May 24, 2018.

Antiquarian Society Tour- Dick has learned there is currently renovation work being done on the building and hence a tour is probably not practical currently.

Lantern Tour- the tour took place as scheduled, and reportedly Rob and Ruth felt it went well.

Quaboag Plantation Path- The Brookfield Historical Commission will be contacted about it.

Website Emails- Ron agreed to take responsibility for responding to email requests.

NEW BUSINESS

Jesse Morrison has agreed to join us as a new member. Voted and unanimously approved. Welcome, Jesse!

Dan has been working on a video on the District #2 Schoolhouse.

Dick has received a report of the recent archaeology survey done by UMass Amherst on the presumed Adena burial sites located near the Quaboag River in Brookfield.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:45 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary