

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- The member information in the "About Us" section should be changed to add Ron as member and delete Craig, also to add Ben and Dan as associate members. Ron will contact Ben about doing it. Dave talked with Bryan Griffing who said he would send his article in pdf format. Dick has compiled the list of photos to be added and the places they should go, and Louise has agreed to add them. Ron suggested that it could also be added that the "History of West Brookfield" book is still available for sale, and it was agreed that should be done.

Indian Trail- Guide still to be completed.

Franklin Marker- Dick has contacted MassDOT again about installing the granite marker.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Dick attended the "application event" on 1/26- only 4 application forms picked up.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins are scheduled to begin Phase 3 this year.

Lucy Stone site- Still waiting for MHC reply.

Methodist Cemetery- It was unanimously agreed to accept the Fannin's proposal for doing the nomination work, at a cost of \$7,000.00.

Library Programs- It was unanimously agreed to co-sponsor (with Library) program on Deborah Samson Gannett scheduled for 4/27 at 3:00 P.M., at a cost of \$200.00, to be paid from England Fund.

Books of Worcester County Records- Ron agreed to take the books home and evaluate the cost of fixing the bindings.

Bookcase- The bookcase (identical to the one already in the office) was purchased from Staples, and Dick has assembled and installed it. It was unanimously agreed to pay the \$109.00 cost, to be paid from the Town Account.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed it would be a good idea to share information with the Cemetery Commission about the Methodist Cemetery; either they come to one of our meetings or we go to one of their meetings.

The Historical Commission brochure has been updated, and Louise has agreed to have it printed.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:15 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary