

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Louise Garwood, Anne-Marie Nolan and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- The Church history article has not yet been posted, but perhaps can be emailed to Ben to do so. It was suggested that it and Jeff Robbins' article could be posted under a "local authors" section.

Maps- It was suggested that the 2 recently received maps could be appraised inexpensively by some local person- perhaps Bill Jenkins. There was discussion about storing the other maps in the Commission Office in plastic sleeves, also.

Indian Trail/Pynchon Grist Mill Site- We have received the opinion that Burrington Rd. is a private road, and therefore permission would be required from the property owners before the trail could go on it. Therefore the recently revised letter will be sent to them.

Scenic Road Signs- Two styles of scenic road signs were shown to us, one green and one blue, and we chose the blue one to be installed.

Franklin Marker- Nothing to report.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Last year's recipient, Patrick Custer, received final grade average of 3.83 and plans to attend Gettysburg College. No information yet about current year applicant.

Old Indian Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Lucy Stone Site- Nomination forms have been submitted, and we are waiting to hear from MHC.

Town Hall Maintenance Plan- Dick will suggest use of bug spray to control spiders.

Methodist Cemetery- Louise has completed most of the necessary research to complete Form E.

Commission Annual Report- The report has been completed and submitted.

Commission Inventory- The inventory has been completed.

Brochures- Louise has re-typed the Old Indian Cemetery and Lucy Stone brochures, and they are ready to go to the printer. More work needed on Walking Tour brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion made for offering photos with historical person in costume (such as Lucy Stone) at Asparagus Festival. Or perhaps the Congregational Church would like to do something similar?

Upcoming events planned at Library: in April- Joelle Million presentation on Lucy Stone and Vincent Kordack presentation on National Parks (100th anniversary). Possibly Rob Lyon presentation on OSV (70th anniversary). And Judith Black portrayal of Lucy Stone (cost \$500).

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:30 P.M. Next meeting March 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary