

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Ed Londergan, Anne-Marie Nolan and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided. We were also joined for the meeting by Dan Hamilton.

OLD BUSINESS

Corset Factory- At the present time it does not appear that EQLT will take any role in "re-purposing" the building.

Website- Lorna Sumner will no longer be available for work on the site, but her son Rob will be available, if needed. Also, Dan Hamilton offered to help, if needed. Ben Bullock is still available to post items on the site.

Maps- Nothing to report.

Indian Trail/Pynchon Grist Mill Site- It was decided to take a field trip over portions of the path on Wednesday, June 22nd. Those interested will meet at Dick and Barbara's at 10:00 A.M. There was some discussion about clearing the overgrown parts of the path, such as the discontinued part of Madden Rd., etc. Perhaps EQLT would help with volunteers. Also, should there be some warning about the possibility of ticks- perhaps in the field guide, or something similar?

Scenic Road Signs- It is thought that all the scenic road signs have now been installed.

Franklin Marker- The marker was re-installed on 5/18, and Dan Hamilton photo-recorded the event.

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

Brochures- The Foster Hill brochures were printed and paid from the Town Account (above). The Walking Tour brochures were also printed, and it was voted to pay the \$292.50 cost from the England Fund.

H.S. Scholarship- The application form will be re-written to be more specific- to be done in September meeting. Also, the question came up- what can we do to increase interest among the students in applying for the scholarship?

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins have been working at the cemetery, and plan to return in July. Currently there are 2 assistants working there.

Lucy Stone Site- Still waiting for approval of application by MHC. In meantime the Trustees have been contacted about work to be done at the site, such as signage and fallen tree removal. Ed will be in touch with Josh Hassenfuss about the signage.

Methodist Cemetery- Dan Hamilton offered to help with more information about the cemetery.

Library Programs- There will be an up-coming program by Judith Kaloara on Christa McAuliffe, and the Commission will co-sponsor the event. It was voted unanimously to contribute \$200 to the cost, to be paid from the England Fund.

Asparagus Festival- The Commission table was very busy, with many brochures handed out, etc. Special thanks to Ron Bullock for manning the table for the whole day.

Collapsed structure at Foster Hill Rd./E. Main St. intersection- The article submitted by Dick did not pass at town meeting, but it appears at the current time that the Selectmen will give responsibility for the situation to the Town Building Inspector.

Meeting adjourned ca. 9:00 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary