

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Anne-Marie Nolan and Barbara Rossman. Dick Rossman presided.

## OLD BUSINESS

Website- The article, "Religion in Early West Brookfield", has not yet been posted, but will be emailed to Ben Bullock in pdf format to be posted, probably under a "Local authors" section. Also, Dick will contact Jeff Robbins for permission to post his article, "A History of Local Capitalism in Warren and West Brookfield, Massachusetts (1870-1900)".

Maps- Bill Jenkins will be invited to come to the office to give his opinion on the maps.

Indian Trail/Pynchon Grist Mill Site- We have received the legal opinion that Gerald Martin is the owner of Burrington Road, with a right of way granted to the other residents on the road. Therefore Dick will send the letter requesting permission to use the road to Mr. Martin.

Scenic Road Signs- The Highway Department will install the signs soon.

Franklin Marker- Nothing to report.

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

H.S. Scholarship- As noted above, payment of \$2,000 was made to Patrick Custer, who is currently a student at Gettysburg College. No information yet on current year applicant.

Old Indian Cemetery- Nothing to report.

Lucy Stone Site- Waiting to hear from MHC.

Town Hall Maintenance Plan- Nothing to report.

Methodist Cemetery- Louise will email Form E. Still some information needed to complete it.

Brochures- Brochures (Old Indian Cemetery, Lucy Stone and Walking Tour) will be taken to printer when ready.

## NEW BUSINESS

Barbara will respond to emails recently received: one a donation of a photo (red schoolhouse) and the other a request to use info from our site.

The Commission will contribute to sponsoring the following upcoming events at the Library:

1. "I Pronounce You Lucy Stone", by Judith Kaloara, on 3/10, Commission to contribute \$200, from England Fund
2. "Lucy Stone Stomping Ground", by Joel Million. Commission to contribute \$50, from Town Account

3. "Living History- My Side of the Anvil", by Rob Lyon on 4/19. Commission to contribute \$150, from Town Account

4. History of National Parks, by Vincent Kordack. No charge

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary