

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 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- Ron reports that Ben posted the information about the availability of the History of West Brookfield for sale. Photos still to be added to site by Louise.

Indian Trail- Dick handed out a draft of the trail guide which he has prepared, and asks that we look it over for possible changes, corrections, etc. before it is finalized.

Franklin Marker- Dick has been in touch with Mary Hafferty of MassDOT, who will be visiting to look at site, etc.

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

H.S. Scholarship- One application (Hannah O'Donnell) was received, and we looked it over. But all agreed that the applicant's stated plans of majoring in criminal justice in college do not meet the Commission's history criterion for receiving the scholarship, and the application was therefore not accepted.

Lucy Stone Site- Still waiting for response from MHC.

Methodist Cemetery- The Fannins asked for a copy of the photo of a gathering in 1900 at the Cemetery, and it will be provided to them.

Library Program- The presentation by Judith Kaloara on Deborah Samson Gannett was given as scheduled on 4/27, and was enthusiastically received and well attended.

Asparagus Festival- The Commission will have a table at the Asparagus Festival scheduled for 5/20, and Ron and Dave will be available to help man it. There was discussion of what items to bring, and Dick made a list- brochures, obituary books, the History of west Brookfield book, etc., among others. It was indicated that the Commission's list of accomplishments (large poster board) should be updated.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a history conference at Holy Cross in Worcester on 6/12, and anyone wishing to attend should contact Dick soon, as there is a deadline.

There is a house tour scheduled in Framingham on 5/21, 12:00 noon- 5:00 P.M.

We were all sorry to learn Barbara is tendering her resignation as a member of the Commission after all these years of faithful service. We hope you will re-consider, Barbara.

The Lake Wickaboag clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday 5/6.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:30 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary