

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Website- Thanks to Dan for entering the photos, etc. We will ask him if he would be willing to take administrator and tech support responsibilities. Ron will ask Ben if he would be willing to take backup responsibilities.

Indian Trail- Considerable time was spent going through the excellent trail guide draught created by Dan. Several suggestions were made to, we hope, make it even better, and hopefully it will be possible to finalize it in the near future.

Franklin Marker- A clean up of area and bulb planting was done by Dick and Barbara.

Treasurer's Report- Anne-Marie provided written report for September and October.

Lucy Stone Site- Waiting to hear from Amy.

Old Indian Cemetery- Have not heard from Fannins since Jim Fannin had hernia surgery.

Methodist Cemetery- Same as above.

Master Plan- Dick spoke with Committee Chairman Keith Arsenault, who agrees implementation committee is very important and should include a Historical Commission member. The Master Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Planning Board in December.

Collapsed Structure- Nothing to report.

Town Hall Maintenance- Waiting for repair of front railing.

300th Anniversary Celebration- The event took place as scheduled on October 14th and seems to have been enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all who came and to Dick who will ensure that a record of the proceedings is kept in the Historical Commission files.

Library Program- The program featuring Judith Kaloara on WWII Women is scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

Antiquarian Society- Dick will look into arranging a tour for Commission members.

Lantern Tour- The lantern tour by Ron and Ruth Lyons will take place on White Christmas.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Mike Tougias on King Philip's War at OSV reported to have been excellent.

Quaboag Plantation Path- Dick handed out a write-up done years ago on a possible Quaboag Plantation Path. The path extends eastward from Foster Hill along what became known as Devil's Elbow

Road past The Elm Hill farm to Slab City Road in North Brookfield. A possible future project, in collaboration with the other historical commissions. Dick has spoken with Skully Metz of Brookfield H.C. about it.

Barbara has been responding to email inquiries on the website, and wonders if someone could take over that responsibility. Ron agreed to consider it.

Ed Londergan has announced his resignation from the Commission, citing a heavy workload. Many thanks to Ed for his past service, and our Best Wishes for your future endeavors.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:30 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary