

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met Wednesday, April 5, 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 said he will contact Ben about posting the information about the History of west Brookfield being available for sale (see 3/1/17 minutes). The town website will be updated. Decision made not to make any change to web hosting arrangement we have.

Indian Trail- The guide will be updated.

Franklin marker- Marker will be installed in Spring.

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

H.S. Scholarship- An article on the scholarship was submitted to the Quaboag Current by Ed.

Lucy stone site- Dick contacted Betsey Friedberg at MHC about the status of the application- was told they are reviewing it and will respond soon.

Methodist cemetery- The information compiled by Alex Richard (map and list of stones) was sent to the Fannins, and a thank you to Alex for his work. A photo dated 1900 of a gathering at the nearby Methodist Church was given us by Bill Jenkins.

Library program- Program on Deborah Samson Gannett by Judith Kalaora is scheduled for 4/27 at 3:00 P.M. Voted unanimously to co-sponsor event and contribute \$200.00, to be paid from the England Fund.

Books of Worcester County Records- For the time being we will keep them as they are.

Information Sharing with Cemetery Commission- Invited to our meeting, but didn't attend.

Corset Factory Presentation by Bill Jenkins- Reported that presentation was excellent and well attended.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Informed that upcoming reconstruction work on Cottage and Lake Streets will have no adverse effects on Old Indian Cemetery and so advised MHC.

Commission will have a table at upcoming Asparagus Festival on 5/20 (and will not be charged for it).

Yankee Magazine article on recent George Washington birthday dinner event held at Ye Olde Tavern.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:15 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary