

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, December 7, 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- A paper entitled "Heroism, One Man's World War II Story of Perseverance and Faith", about the war experiences of Everett Allen was received from Bryan Griffing, its author. Dave agreed to contact Bryan about converting it to pdf format so it can be posted on the website. Also, Dave submitted a schedule of events for 2017 celebration of 300th Anniversary of first Church in Brookfield, to be posted on website under "Upcoming Events". Ron agreed to contact Ben about posting it.

Indian Trail/Pynchon Grist Mill Site- Nothing to report.

Scenic Roads- The envelopes have all been addressed, and we completed "stuffing" them with letter and brochure and put stamps on them. Dick will mail them to the property owners tomorrow, copies also to Planning Board, Selectmen and Highway Department.

Franklin Marker- We have not heard anything from MassDOT yet.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Anne-Marie will contact school to find out date when scholarship becomes available ("application event").

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins have been here recently and have completed phase 2. They hope to have the paperwork complete soon.

Lucy Stone Site- The new sign at the site has been installed. Still waiting for MHC reply to application.

Methodist Cemetery- A response has been received from MHC approving eligibility. The Fannins have indicated their willingness to do the work, and have asked us to provide all the information we have. Dick will send it to them.

Library Programs- Still looking for programs.

Membership Vacancy- As it is clear that Dan Hamilton cannot continue as member due to health issue, Ron Bullock has agreed to fill the vacancy. Welcome, Ron.

Debbie Morrison of New Braintree HC visited on 11/17, as scheduled, and had a good meeting.

QHS Events:

Bill Jenkins gave "Trolley Talk", as scheduled on 10/29. Dates for other events to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional photos, mostly of the Fales family, plus a book of Worcester County records and history, plus a \$10 donation were received from Mike Cummings. A thank you will be sent.

The Commission annual report for submission to the Town Annual Report to be done.

The Commission Office inventory to be done.

We were all sorry to hear of the recent death of Connie Small.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:30 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary