

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall, Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Ed Londergan and Anne-Marie Nolan. Dick Rossman presided.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- The schedule of 2017 events for the 300th Anniversary of first Church in Brookfield has been posted. We have not yet received a pdf version of Bryan Griffing's article about Everett Allen, entitled "Heroism, One Man's World War II Story of Perseverance and Faith".

Ed said domain name will renew automatically each each year.

Dick noted how few photos there are for many items on the website and that more photos need to be added. Also, many items do not have the links they should have. It was agreed to get together to work on these things on 1/13 at 1:00 P.M.

Indian Trail- The trail guide still needs to be finished.

Scenic Roads- The mailing has been completed.

Franklin Marker- Dick will remind MassDOT about it.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Anne-Marie informed us that the "application event" is scheduled for 1/26 at 11:00 A.M. The applications will be due 4/15. Ed will submit articles to the Quaboag Current and Spencer New Leader.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins have completed Phase 2 and submitted their report (12/15/16). Also their bill for the work was submitted and will be paid.

Lucy Stone Site- Still waiting for MHC reply. Thanks to Ed for his help in getting the sign done.

Methodist Cemetery- Dick has compiled all the information we have and will send it to the Fannins, as requested. We will keep a copy.

Library programs- Anne-Marie made the suggestion that there might be better attendance if some of the programs were held in the afternoon, especially during the winter months.

Membership Vacancy- Ron has agreed to become a member, but has not yet received his appointment.

Books of Worcester County Records Received from Mike Cummings- All agreed the books contain potentially useful historical information, but the bindings are seriously deteriorated. Ron offered to look into cost of fixing(replacing) them.

NEW BUSINESS

The suggestion was made by Dick that a brochure be made for the Pynchon Grist Mill Site.

The suggestion was made that the office could use an additional bookcase. Anne-Marie offered to look into costs, etc.

Information received from MHC on survey and planning grants, but probably not something we will do.

Dick distributed copies of a list of historical commission goals that were accomplished in 2016 and of goals for 2017.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:15 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office. Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary