

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met Wednesday, March 1, 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- The member information in the "About Us" section has been updated. However, it was noted that the member information in the town website is out of date, and Barbara will contact them about correcting that. Information on the book, History of West Brookfield being available for sale has not yet been posted (\$39.95 if picked up. \$49.95 if mailed). Invoice received in amount of \$255 (\$225 for web hosting through 11/16 plus \$30 for domain name), and voted unanimously to pay same from England Fund. In meantime Dick will check other web hosting options ("Go Daddy") to see if we can get web hosting less expensively. Dick will contact Louise about adding photos to website.

Indian Trail- Guide still to be completed.

Franklin Marker- Dick contacted MassDOT and was told marker will be installed in Spring.

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

H.S. Scholarship- Deadline for applications is 4/15.

Old Indian cemetery- Fannins scheduled to begin Phase 3 this year.

Methodist Cemetery- We have been provided a list of the stones plus a map by Alex Richard.

Library Program- The program on Deborah Samson Gannett is scheduled for 4/27 at 3:00 P.M.

Books of Worcester County Records- An estimate for re-binding the books for \$350.00 was given us by Ron's wife Karen. For time being we will hold off on making a decision.

Information Sharing with Cemetery Commission- The Cemetery Commission may attend our April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Jankins will be doing a presentation about the corset factory on 3/22 at 12:30 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:00 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary