

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Office in the Town Hall. Attending were: Ron Bullock, Dave FitzGerald, Dan Hamilton and Anne-Marie Nolan. Dick Rossman presided.

OLD BUSINESS

Website- The photos have not yet been added to the website, and Dan offered to do it. He will need the password to the site, and Ron will contact Ben about providing it to him. Dan will take the photo files home and copy them in order to do the work.

Indian Trail- We started going through the draft trail guide, adding suggestions, etc. It was noted that anyone using the trail who is unfamiliar with the area might find it difficult to follow the written directions because often there are no street signs. Dan made the suggestion of using a numbering system which would correlate the text with points on a map to help solve this problem, and will create a revised guide using this system.

Franklin Marker- Still waiting for marker to be installed.

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

Lucy Stone Site- A reply was finally received from MHC, but it contains a list of many more questions to be answered. We will provide as much help to Amy as we can in meeting these added requirements.

Old Indian Cemetery- The Fannins report that now about one half of phase 3 is complete.

Methodist Cemetery- The Fannins plan to start work soon.

Commission Member- Dan reports he has officially been sworn in as a member. Welcome, Dan!

Master Plan- Meeting scheduled for 9/19, 7:00 P.M. WBES.

Collapsed Structure- Town has applied for a grant in amount of \$20,000 to assist in demolition, and is waiting for same.

Town Hall Maintenance - Front doors need repair and therefore are currently first priority.

OLD BUSINESS

West Brookfield Congregational Church held 300th Anniversary celebration in August, and Commission will keep related documents in its files. Thank you to all who attended.

Voted unanimously to co-sponsor upcoming Library program featuring Judith Kaloara on "World War Women- unsung heroines of WWII". Amount not to exceed \$200.

What other brochures might the Commission do?

According to Dick, Master Plan meeting revealed much ignorance about the town's commissions and boards. What to do?

Historic District sign at east end of Common needs work.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:45 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Historical Commission Office, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave FitzGerald, Secretary