

The West Brookfield Historical Commission met on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historical Commission office. Attending were Anne-Marie Nolan, Heather Walker, Louise Garwood, with Dick Rossman presiding.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Website: Minutes have been posted.

Town Clerk: Dick will speak with Sarah Allen about Climate Control room access to preserve historical items before she retires in March.

Treasurer's Report: Heather read a financial statement reflecting account balances as of December 31, 2021.

H.S. Scholarship: Anne-Marie received the updated 2022 scholarship letter and application and will forward these to Quaboag Regional, Tantasqua Regional, Quabbin Regional, and Pathfinder. Dick will contact Fern Maskell as to the 2019 scholarship award.

Old Indian Cemetery: Dick brought in photographs of the last workday. He will ask the Fannins for information regarding more gravestones which are in disrepair. The metal detector sign is scheduled to be coming, probably in the spring.

Pine Grove Cemetery: Trees have been removed by National Grid.

Methodist Cemetery: Betsy Friedberg announced that she has retired from MHC. Anne-Marie will send her a note with congratulations and appreciation signed by Commission members.

Demolition Delay Bylaw: Meeting with the Planning Board, January 12, 2022 at 7 pm. Dick and Louise will attend with Jesse.

Master Plan Implementation: Nothing to report.

Library Programs: The library program "A Rendez-vous with Rachel Revere" by Judith Kalaora (History at Play) is to be performed in the spring with date to be determined.

Local Historical Memorials and Sites: Louise will write to the Common Committee, the Cemetery Commission, and the Quaboag Historical Society for verification of current caretakers and funding. Dick will write to the Fire Dept, Library, and Selectmen for same.

Pynchon Mill Site: Dick brought in photographs of the 4 signs.

Rock House Nomination to the National Historical Register: Ben Haley is the contact person now. Louise will contact him about the status of the nomination.

Town Hall Maintenance: Dick will ask Rebecca Acerra for the Commission to be put on a Selectmen's January 2022 agenda to determine the maintenance plans and/or further advocate for the necessary maintenance.

Preservation of HC office documents, photos, etc: Work is ongoing.

Facebook page: Nothing to report.

Jacob Knight Collection: Nothing to report.

Wickaboag Valley Road: Dick will prepare the article to add Wickaboag Valley Road to the list of Scenic Roads. The submission date is February 22, 2022. Louise will write a simple letter indicating the Scenic Road Act and a list of scenic roads to be mailed to the 151 new owners (2017-2021). Members will address the envelopes from the list given by the Assessors' office.

Metal Detector Sign: Nothing to report. (Common and Bandstand)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Goals 2022: New goals were discussed. A separate list will be generated and disseminated to members.

Haymakers Site: Inquire about protection of this historic site due to property being for sale.

Meeting adjourned ca. 8:40 P.M.

The next **monthly** meeting will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Historical Commission Office.

Respectfully submitted, Anne-Marie Nolan, Secretary