

May 6, 2024

West Brookfield Historical Commission Minutes

Attendees: Louise Garwood, Anne-Marie Nolan, Jesse Morrison, Michael Sroka, Rachel Gulen ,
Heather Walker, Ryan Gough

Agenda

Pending Business

Treasurer's Report

Old Indian Cemetery

Old Methodist Cemetery

Demolition Delay for 2024 ?Town Meeting

Jacob Knight Planning

2023-2024 Scholarship

Scenic Road

Climate Controlled Room

HC Website

New Business

Adjourn

Meeting Opened - Louise called meeting to order on May 6th at 7:01 PM.

March Minutes Approval- Raised by Heather, Seconded by Jesse and carried by the members.

(no official meeting in April)

Pending Business:

Treasurer's Report: was not presented; no bills or account updates.

Old Indian Cemetery: Field works starts in Spring 2024. No actual estimate for date to commence at present. Otherwise, status quo.

Old Methodist Cemetery: Fannin's shared their historical findings and provided their notes to Amy for her proposal writing. 3/31. Louise raised motion to approve the invoice amount, Rachel seconded the motion and motion carried by members. Amy plans to start process after Asparagus Festival winds down.

Demolition Delay: Jesse meeting with Sturbridge HC May 7th. Has list of questions concerning process, generating lists of buildings? Penalties and impact of ability to pull future building permits..

Jacob Knight: event moved to April 2025. Rg and Heather to make this Summer work for HC. Steven DiRado requested roll of photo paper for \$350. With shipping to be sent directly to him. Heather and Steven to meet in June to mat and frame. Will pick up check list when we return to Sept meeting. Heather raised motion to update approved \$300. Not to exceed \$400. Coming out of Town Account. Seconded by Louise carried by members.

2023-2024 Scholarship – one applicant- voted to award. Letter will be presented during school award ceremony. Letter included criteria to collect scholarship.

Scenic Road Process: Flyer back from printer. Need to get Wickaboag Valley Road resident list from Assessors office to generate mailing list.

Climate Control Room: We DO need to move artifacts and old town records from CC room. Town is contracting with Valley Green , Westfield- Louise attended meeting- they do not have climate control available. For the purposes of any digitizing or research the Westfield location is not convenient. If we locate closer CC storage who pays? Historical Society space is limited, as is Library. More discussion to follow.

Historical Commission Website: Louise raised suggestion to research samples of other towns as part of the website refresh. Mike suggests there is an 'about' section on which to post our mission and current projects?

New Business:

Asparagus Festival Booth: May 18th, 10-3 Using Dicks list for booth set up. Vote on incurred expense: \$95. To reimburse Louise out of Town Account, motion by Heather, 2nd Anne-Marie, carried by members

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: meeting was ended at 8:17 PM. Next Meeting is scheduled for June 3rd