

September 9, 2024

West Brookfield Historical Commission Minutes

Attendees: Louise Garwood, Anne-Marie Nolan, Rachel Gulen, Heather Walker & Ryan Gough

Agenda

June's meeting minutes approval

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 September 9th, at 7:06 PM.

June's Minutes Approval-

Minutes approval of June's meeting minutes as written. Rg to fix typos and send to Louise & Heather. Raised by Anne-Marie, seconded by Louise and carried by the members w/o discussion.

Pending Business

Treasurer's Report: Heather gave estimated account balances and reviewed approved expenditures. Heather will add the pre-approved items from the June notes.

Rachel raised motion to accept the Treasurer's report with items discussed. Seconded by Anne-Marie. Motion carried by members w/o further discussion.

Old Indian Cemetery: Louise spoke with Fannins last week. They will provide their assessment findings by end of September.

Old Methodist Cemetery: Amy will submit first draft by 2025 anticipates a bit of revisions and back and forth. This topic tabled until the May 2025 meeting.

Demolition Delay: Heather and Jesse enrolled in an online class presented by MA Historical on demo delay. Heather will also attend an MA Historical Conference and will attend the demo delay seminar.

Jacob Knight: Heather spoke to Ruth Wells Art Center & Steven DiRado and confirmed November 2025 as new date. Fee for Space will be \$250. Set up 11/1 and close just before Thanksgiving. Rachel and Heather to publish project schedule for November meeting.

Scenic Road Process: Received Wickaboag Valley resident list from accessors office. Louise and Anne-Marie will mail out existing brochure and letter. Louise is committed to work with Rebekah Cornell on developing a process for a smaller town than Ware by year-end. Goal is to eventually present to appropriate Town Officers.

Climate Control Room: Louise & Amy to size space requirements for actual pieces of collection that require climate control conditions. Still investigating storage solutions.

Historical Commission Website: No receipt of 2024 Web Hosting invoice. Rg offered to set herself up as a vendor and take ownership of the Internet payment. Check in with Dan about update status At next call.

New Business:

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Bills:

From Louise: BT Printing \$13 Funds from Town Account announcement. Anne-Marie raised motion, Ryan seconded. Approved w/o discussion.

From Heather: by-law to action, Historical Society Conference registration \$134 Funds to come from England Fund. Louise raised, Anne-Marie seconded . Approved w/o further discussion.

From Anne-Marie: in need of office supplies not to exceed \$50 from Town account. Louise raised, Rachel seconded. Approved w/o additional discussion.

Trees on Scenic roads with scheduled utility work on scenic roads. HC-No governing authority; there will be public hearing. Only question is whether the Utility has obligation to replace any trees after project.

Agreed to gift Dan H 8 mm camera as it is obsolete.

Louise to collect an invoice from Dan H on proposal of work to be done for the Commission.

Louise to bring the Lucy Stone poster to Rebecca Fay for framing from the England fund.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: meeting was ended at 8:12 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 7th.