

Attendees: Louise Garwood, Anne-Marie Nolan, Heather Walker, and Ryan Gough

Agenda

September meeting minutes approval

Pending Business:

Treasurer's Report

Old Indian Cemetery

Demolition Delay for 2024 Town Meeting

Jacob Knight Planning

Scenic Road Process

Climate Controlled Room

HC Website

Tabled Business Old Methodist Cemetery 4/2025

**New Business**

Adjourn

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**Meeting Opened:** Louise called the meeting to order on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:16pm. September Minutes Approval: Minutes approval of September meeting minutes as written. Name correction will be addressed by Louise. Motion raised by Anne-Marie, seconded by Heather and carried by members w/o discussion.

**Pending Business:**

Treasurer's Report: Heather gave updated account balances and reviewed approved expenditures. BT Copy and Print and office supplies were paid from the Town account. Louise submitted an invoice to Heather for Lucy Stone print framing. Anne-Marie raised the motion to accept the Treasurer's report with items discussed, seconded by Ryan and carried by members w/o further discussion.

Old Indian Cemetery: No update. Louise will contact Fannins this month.

Old Methodist Cemetery: Tabled to 4/2025.

Demolition Delay: Heather was unable to attend the MA Historical Conference but will be reimbursed.

Jacob Knight Planning: Rachel and Heather will work on the project schedule in November. Heather intends to sign a contract with the Ruth Wells venue this month to hold the dates (11/1/2025 set up, 11/2/2025 opening, and closing). Louise will work on the postcards, graphics, and poster. Louise made a motion to appropriate the \$250 venue fee from the England Fund, seconded by Heather, and carried by members w/o further discussion.

Scenic Road Process: Louise and Anne-Marie mailed the Scenic Road letter and brochure to all Wickaboag Valley Road property owners. Louise brought a Scenic Road work application/request form for West Brookfield from Rebekah Cornell as well as other towns' application forms to share with members. Louise noted that the Historical Commission and the Planning Board will meet on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7pm to discuss the Scenic Road procedure. She sent a packet of examples to the Planning Board. Also, she was notified that there will be a public hearing on the Solar Project tree removal on Scenic Roads slated for Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:30pm. She encouraged members to attend. She brought in the extensive list of trees to be removed. Discussion ensued as to which trees should be left alone (health/diameter of trees) and reimbursement? for cut wood.

Climate Controlled Room: Nothing to report.

HC Website: Louise volunteered to contact Ionos and pay bill for web hosting for 1 year (\$108/yr) to be reimbursed from the England Fund. Heather raised a motion to approve, seconded by Ryan, and carried by members w/o further discussion.

**New Business:**

Louise brought in the Lucy Stone framed print.

Betty Frew, Senior Center assistant director, requested supplemental funding from the Commission to add to the (partly funded by LCC) program to be held at the Senior Center in the evening at a future date. The program is a portrayal of Abby Kelley Foster by Lynne McKenney Lydick. A motion was made by Louise to approve \$200 from the England Fund toward the program, seconded by Heather, and carried by members w/o further discussion.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Meeting ended at 8:00pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2024.

Anne-Marie Nolan, Acting Secretary