

February 3, 2025 meeting NOTES

West Brookfield Historical Commission

Attending: Louise, Jesse, Heather, Dan

Draft of Minutes – Meeting February 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

No Quorum, No Motions, No Votes

Agenda:

Treasurer report handout no discussion

Review Jake Knight updates

Receipt of Fannins ReAssessment report for Old Indian Cemetery

Scholarship updates

Climate Control update

New Business: Bill Jankins Documents donated to HC- 5 boxes to be scanned

Planning Board Scenic Road: halt on tree removal

Treasurers Report: England Fund check received and deposited

Scholarship check was sent out to Riley after her 1st semester GPA 4.0

Jacob Knight Planning: Louise and Heather visited RWCA Southbridge to assess space for exhibition planning.

Security deposit increases payment to them to 250\$ plus 25\$ security deposit- Waiting for W-9. Vote for March meeting.

Nov. 8 hanging- Nov. 9 opening through Nov 29th. Discussion of layout, room by room. Wayne Haire may have original painting we can borrow as well. Create bi or tri-fold brochure for exhibit- Jake bio, Stephen D bio, HC mission.. LG, HW, RG (address coordination for labelling.)

Demo-Delay- no updates

Climate Controlled room- waiting for budget approval- Town Admin. Writing grants for these office projects. Dan mentions Grants from Digital Commonwealth?

Old Indian Cemetery: Re-assessment- received from Fannins- \$6000 invoice submitted. 36 stones have deteriorated and in need of conservation efforts since initial Assessment in 2012. An estimated cost of \$25,000. Please review Re-assessment.

Website: Dan gets info from Mike S. , Mike will serve as Associate member (non-voting)

New Business:

Dan submits proposal for additional paid scanning time for website. Currently volunteering 3 hours a week.

Proposes to add 4 hours a week @ rate of \$20.00p/h. Needs vote.

Dan submitted draft of digital permissions form worked on with Jesse for language. Put to vote Dan joining commission next meeting for 7 voting members.

The Planning Board hearing-ScenicRoads: voted against a solar project that threatened 336 trees, preserving scenic roads.

Action Items

Create a tri-fold program or brochure for the Jacob Knight exhibit. LG

Reach out to local historical societies and libraries to promote the exhibit and gather additional materials-coordinate . Addresses sent to RG for labelling

Post the scholarship application on the website and social media.LG, DH

Submit a proposal for Dan's compensation for additional work to vote March meeting.

Send a note to the Select Board to appoint Dan as a voting member of the commission.

Meeting adjourned 8:30?