

March 3, 2025

West Brookfield Historical Commission Minutes

Attendees: Louise Garwood, Anne-Marie Nolan, Heather Walker, Jesse Morrison, and Dan Hamilton

Agenda

January meeting minutes and February notes approval

Pending Business:

Treasurer's Report

Jacob Knight Planning

Scholarship Update

HC Website - Dan

Tabled Business Old Methodist Cemetery 4/2025

New Business

Meeting Opened: Louise called the meeting to order on March 3, 2025, at 7:04pm.

December Minutes Approval:

Minutes approval of January meeting minutes with the addendum of February notes as written. Motion raised by Jesse, seconded by Heather; motion carried by members w/o discussion.

Pending Business:

Treasurer's Report: Heather gave February account balances and reviewed approved expenditures. Dan will get the Ionos invoice to give to Heather and Mike Sroka will be reimbursed. Heather mentioned the Ruth Wells security fee of \$25 to be added to the previous amount. Motion was raised and carried to add the \$25 from the England Fund. Motion was raised and carried to approve the Fannin-Lehner bill of \$6000 for the Indian Cemetery Reassessment from the England Fund. Jesse will report back on other cemetery conservation companies' fees. Motion raised and carried for approval of Dan's proposal to scan materials at \$320 a month for a year (\$20/hour for 4 additional hours weekly) to be paid from the England Fund. Dan will submit an invoice monthly. This will be reassessed on an annual basis.

Jacob Knight Planning: Dan will interview and videotape Rob and Ruth Lyon on 3/15/2025 (1pm-3pm) and requested questions for the interview. A draft of Jacob Knight Media Release document was reviewed with edits suggested. Other suggested interviews and contact person: Eric Glass (Dan); Kirk Jaskoviak and Mary Magnante via Susan Rowden (Louise); Steven DiRado videotaping and Joy Hinton, current owner of Knight's house (Heather). Heather will get the address list from Rachel with a count for cards and postage.

Scholarship: no applications received.

HC Website: Dan is now the webmaster, the business contact and administrative contact with new username and password. IONOS 2024-2025 invoices for records. (Dan)

2026 Budget News: No news about storage fees for documents in CC room.

New Business:

Asparagus Festival: Louise did apply for a table for the May 17, 2025, event and made a motion to pay the \$50 vendor fee from the Town Account; Motion carried w/o discussion.

Jankins Collection: Louise will send a thank you note to Mike and Maureen Jankins for the 5 Bill Jankins boxes. ✓

Scenic Road Tree removal: No update.

Correspondence: Louise sent Ann Molloy a thank you for the England Fund gift. The Historical Commission 2024 Annual Report was submitted a while ago.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion raised by Louise, seconded by Jesse and carried w/o discussion. The meeting ended at 7:59pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2025, at 7pm.