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Winchendon Historic Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Via Remote Participation

Members Present: James McCrohon, Guy Corbosiero, Mary Harrington, Jenelle Sroczynski, Yvonne Harrington

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Meeting called to order: 4:01p.m.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the January 10, 2024 regular meeting with edits, Corbosiero/Y. Harrington 5-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:04 pm.

Announcements: Chairwoman Harrington has received grant information and opportunities from Mr. Corbosiero. Ms. Harrington has not made additional progress on the annual report. She will reach out to Town Hall for guidance. Mr. Corbosiero mentioned Executive Assistant, Mary Callendra is moving to a new position in Ashby, MA. He suggested Ms. Harrington speak with Deb Dennis.

Member Comments:

Mr. Corbosiero mentioned that resident, Mr. David Plummer is looking to pass along all of his research on Native Americans in and around the Winchendon area. Mr. Corbosiero suggested he attend an upcoming meeting to discuss.

Mr. McCrohon is continuing his diligent work on ways to identify and maintain historic homes and structures in Winchendon. The current building of focus is the Old Centre Church. The columns are not period correct. Discussion was had on approaching the Winchendon Historical Society to see if there was interest in changing the columns. Mr. McCrohon suggested forming a subcommittee to identify structures in town that need repairs. Then it would be determined, based on a variety of factors, whether the repairs would fall under restoration, rehabilitation, or preservation. The Commission feels policies should be in place before a committee is formed. Mr. McCrohon will send out information. The Commission also feels work should be in accordance with the Master Plan. It was suggested Planning and Development be contacted, along with Master Plan

Committee Chairwoman, Jill Sackett. Mr. McCrohon also expressed his concern over invasive plants in Old Centre and the Militia Field. Ms. M. Harrington would like to keep the focus on structures at this point. Block grant opportunities were discussed. Mr. McCrohon volunteered to reach out to Planning Coordinator Nicole Roberts. *Motion to designate Jay McCrohon liason to the Planning and Development office Sroczynski/Y. Harrington 5-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:31 pm.*

Ms. Sroczynski mentioned she had posted the agenda as no comments were heard back from Chairwoman Harrington. Ms. Sroczynski wanted to make sure proper procedure was being followed. Chairwoman Harrington stated the agenda is boiler plate and can be posted. Ms. Sroczynski wanted to follow up on the gifts that were mentioned for long term members Lois Abare and Peg Corbosiero. The reimbursement procedure was discussed. Lastly, Ms. Sroczynski mentioned budget season is well under way, with meetings happening. If the Commission would like to secure an increase, discussions with the Town Manager need to be eminent. Chairwoman Harrington said "the Commission needs to finalize our plan and prioritize our projects before requesting monies, and therefore the Commission will approach the town in the next fiscal year." Mr. Corbosiero mentioned he will be on vacation for the next two meetings. He will try to attend if at all possible.

Public Comments:

None were heard.

Old Business:

No updates

New Business:

No updates

Next scheduled meeting-Scheduled for March 13, 2024 at 4pm.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn Sroczynski/Corbosiero, 5-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:44pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
