

Approved 12-13-23

Winchendon Historic Commission

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
**Via Remote Participation**

**Members Present:** James McCrohon, Guy Corbosiero, Mary Harrington, Yvonne Harrington

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Jenelle Sroczyński, Recording Secretary

**Meeting called to order: 4:00 p.m.**

**Announcements:** Chairwoman Harrington announced that Lois Abare has officially resigned from the Commission. The Commission would like to present Ms. Abare with a gift of recognition for all of her years of service. The Commission will take this under advisement. Chairwoman Harrington offered Ms. Sroczyński the Commission's sincere condolences on the loss of her father. Lastly, Chairwoman Harrington informed the Commission of matching grant information she has received through MRPC. This grant is for non-profit organizations that hold historic buildings. Ms. Harrington forwarded information to Mr. O'Neil, President of the WHCC. Also noted was all members have completed the necessary ethics training forwarded by Wendy Stevens, Town Clerk, and certifications have been forwarded.

**Member Comments:** Ms. Yvonne Harrington stated the Commission is still seeking active members. There is 1 permanent opening, and 2 alternate openings. A letter of interest needs to be sent to the Town Manager's office in order to be appointed. Ms. M. Harrington extended an invitation to Ms. Sroczyński to become a member as there is no conflict for a board secretary to also be an active member. Ms. Sroczyński will send her letter of interest. Ms. M. Harrington intends on being active with town officials so the Commission is informed of an upcoming project the Commission may need to sign off on. This has been an issue in the past. MACRIS will prove to be an invaluable tool in tracking the historic buildings. Ms. M. Harrington announced Mr. Chris Skelley has left Mass Historic and now is doing consulting. He is a wealth of information. Steve Rawson, a Winchendon resident, is active in preserving land, Mt. Grace and 19<sup>th</sup> Hill being a few examples. These two gentlemen will be great resources to the Commission. Lastly, Ms. M. Harrington has spoken with David Whitaker. He intends on maintaining

the militia field. He is off of his normal schedule this years due to all of the rain. There is currently no MOA on record for the field, an opinion from Town Counsel will be sought.

**Public Comments:** None were heard.

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*Motion to approve minutes of the August 9, 2023 regular meeting with edits, M. Harrington/Y. Harrington, 4-0 aye by roll call vote @ 4:43 pm.*

**Updates:**

Financial Update: There has been no change

**Old Business:**

Education: Mr. McCrohon has sent the next video link on architectural styles, and the members are working on watching information, and taking the quiz. Mr. McCrohon invited members to look for 3 examples of Roman Architecture in town. He will forward more information.

Historic Commission Communication: This is an ongoing issue. Chairwoman Harrington will be working with IT Director Don O'Neil to get email addresses established.

Next scheduled meeting-Scheduled for October 11, 2023 at 4pm.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn Corbosiero/McCrohon, 4-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:52 pm.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:52pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jenelle Sroczynski  
Board Secretary

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