

TOWN OF WINCHENDON

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Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday February 13, 2019

4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Lois Abare, Jay McCronon, Mary Harrington

Members Absent: Peg Corbosiero, Yvonne Harrington

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczyński Recording Secretary, Jill Sackett, Project Lead for the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Meeting called to order: 6:32p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 1-9-2019 Regular Meeting Abare/McCronon 4-0
Approved, @ 6:39 pm.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jill Sackett is once again in attendance regarding the upcoming Unitarian Church project. She presented the Commission members with a booklet from 1966 containing the history of the church. The booklet is an interesting, fact filled piece of literature, that members were happy to receive. Ms. Sackett went on to inform the Commission she has spoken with the Building Commissioner and no action needs to be taken until the masonry work has started. She also has a meeting scheduled in April with Robinson-Broadhurst to review the grant request. Ms. Sackett has also been in touch with Mass Preservation and has found them to be most helpful. She is interested in continuing the process of getting the Community Preservation Act passed at town meeting. Ms. Sackett has also been in contact with two different churches. One in Leominster and one in Gilbertville whom have undertaken similar projects. She would like the Commission to issue a letter of support if the members have had time to review the information handed out at the January 2019 meeting. *Motion to issue letter of support for the upcoming Universalist Unitarian Church project Abare/McCronon 4-0*
Approved @ 6:48pm. Mr. Bohan and Ms. Sroczyński to work on letter.

Member Comments:

No member comments were heard.

Native American Project:

Mr. Bohan explained this will be a standard agenda item. The ongoing intention of the Commission is to have certain properties, both public and private deemed as local historic districts. The hope is to maintain the scenery and landscape of properties, i.e., no timbering, as they may house Native American graves and spiritual sites. There is a need for tribal collaboration. Mr. Bohan will pursue. Mr. Bohan will also work with Mr. O'Neil in retrieving information from the computer.

Historic Commission Policies:

This is an ongoing item. Ms. Y. Harrington presented information from Royalston during the January 2019 meeting. The Commission is interested in using this information as a "stepping stone" to compare and contrast what is relevant and needed by Winchendon. Additional information from other towns is important as well. Mr. Bohan announced the upcoming annual town meeting will be held on May 20, 2019. Mr. McCronon suggested if Commission members have independent conversations regarding projects that a memo of record be written and filed to ensure details are recorded.

Old Business:

There remains ongoing concern regarding the former Pleasant View Estate. A second certified letter was sent and has been returned as unclaimed and unable to forward. There is a need to send these letters certified to maintain a paper trail in the event action needs to be taken. The Commission would like a third letter written and sent, inviting the Kuipers to the March 2019 meeting. Ms. Sroczynski will write letter.

Other Business:

No Other Business was presented.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Abare/McCronon 4-0 Approved 7:09pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:



