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Minutes Regular Meeting Wednesday October 11, 2017 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Peg Corbosiero, Lois Abare, David Plummer, Yvonne

Harrington

Members Absent: Mary Harrington, Jay McCronon,

Others Present:

Meeting called to order: 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 8-9-2017 Regular Meeting Corbosiero/Plummer 5-0 Approved @ 6:09 pm.

Public Comment: None were heard

Member Comments: Ms. Corbosiero questioned if the solar panels had been installed at 80 Old Center. Mr. Bohan said they were. Ms. Corbosiero was happy with the news. Mr. Plummer is looking for Town support in the recognition that Native Americans were the first residents of Winchendon. Mr. Bohan acknowledge the fact and said that would need to come from the Board of Selectmen and he would be happy to pursue it. Mr. Plummer also expressed concern that there has been logging off of Bemis Road and some artifacts may have been disturbed. He was wondering if property could be flagged and likes how the Naragansett Tribe conducted their considerations. Mr. Plummer and Mr. Bohan to work on language for next meeting. Mr. Bohan also stated now that the Cumberland Farms project is now complete, the Native American projects will be top priority. The Conservation Commission is also very interested in this project.

<u>Cumberland Farms Project Follow-Up:</u> Mr. Bohan expressed the Commission is 99% please with the project. The town is also very happy. There are a few minor concerns, as in the umbrellas and gas awning have the lime green color, and there may not be as many street lights as originally thought. The Commission also has the reprints of the historic pictures

ready to be framed. There are few framers in the area and the cost of the frames is quite high. After some discussion there was a consensus among the Commission to approach Cumberland Farms and suggest Cumberland's pay for the frames in lieu of previously negotiated items not being completed. Mr. Bohan to speak with corporate.

<u>Central Street Redesign Project:</u> There is a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board on October 30, 2017. Mr. Bohan presented the Commission with a pamphlet of ideas to be discussed. He asked all members to make an effort to attend. Central Street is in the Historic Downtown District and he feels it is vital the Commission be present and voice any concerns that may arise.

<u>Grant Sessions:</u> Mr. Bohan has presented several grant opportunities for the Commission to look into. The Leominster Public Library has a Foundational Grant Membership and all Commissions can access and see what is available.

Robinson Broadhurst: Mr. Bohan will be pursuing a \$10,000 grant.

Mass Historic: Has a 50/50 matching program. Mr. Bohan feels it is best to be awarded the RB grant first then pursue the Mass historic as the match will be larger.

Preservation Massachusetts: For federal preservation

Community Preservation Act: Mr. Bohan spoke of trying to resurrect this for future town meeting as he feels like it would be extremely beneficial to the town.

Ms. Harrington also mentioned the Cambridge Grant.

Solar Policies: Mr. Bohan is in favor of adopting the Mass Historic's Solar Policy. The policies do not fray from Chapter 40B Motion to accept Mass Historic policy as the Winchendon Historical Commission's Solar Policy Corbosiero/Plummer 5-0 Approved @7:14 pm.

<u>Historic Commission Policies:</u> Item will be tabled for this meeting.

Reorganization of Commission: Item will be tabled for this meeting

Other Business: None was heard

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Next Meeting: November 8, 2017 at 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Corbosiero/Harrington 5-0 Approved 7:20pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary Minutes Approved By:

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