

Approved 5-11-2022

Winchendon Historic Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Via Remote Participation

Members Present: Peg Corbosiero, Don O'Neil, Gerry Harrington, Jay McCronon, Gerry Harrington

Members Absent: Mary Harrington, Lois Abare

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski, Guy Corbosiero

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting Corbosiero/McCronon 4-0 aye by roll call vote@ 6:00pm.

Old Business:

Brownfield Grants: There is no new information on this item.

Electrical Lines on Old Centre Common: Electrical lines have been installed. Mr. O'Neil feels they look great. Ms. Harrington would like to seek information to have them buried (pole to houses). This would be to the cost of the homeowner. A contractor would need to be hired. Mr. O'Neil to ask DPW Director, Brian Croteau about options. Mr. McCronon to look for contractor.

Wildlife Habitat Replacement on Militia Field: Mr. McCronon has been in contact with a nursery in Colrain, MA regarding a proposal for plantings. He should have more information next month.

New Plantings on Old Centre Common: Mr. McCronon is interested in additional tree plantings on the Common. Mr. O'Neil has access to the original plan, he will forward.

Historic District Signs: Ms. Harrington is interested in new signs marking the various Historic Districts in town. She presented sign examples from Ashburnham, and suggested members drive and see the sign on Riversticks Road. According to Mr. Corbosiero, as of now, there is town wide mandate on how the signs would need to look. He suggested the Commission check with Tracy Murphy, Director of Planning and Development on any sign they would like

to install in the districts. Ms. Harrington was questioning how the Commission would be contacted in the event a resident or other party would need assistance. The phone number listed is 978-297-3308. Mr. O'Neil to check if the phone number is still valid since the phone upgrade occurred at Town Hall. Mr. O'Neil assured Ms. Harrington that the Planning Office would direct all inquires to him. Ms. Harrington also questioned the submittal of the Historic Commission annual report for the Town Report presented at the annual Town Meeting in the spring. It is typical that the chairperson of the committee submits a report to be published. This has not been done in several years. The Commission missed the deadline for this year's meeting. *Motion to publish report for upcoming town meetings Harrington/O'Neil 4-0 Approved@ 6:29pm.*

Next scheduled meeting set for May 11, 2022

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: McCronon/Corbosiero, 4-0 aye by roll call vote @ 6:31pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
