

Approved 6-8-2022

Winchendon Historic Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Via Remote Participation

Members Present: Don O'Neil, Gerry Harrington, Jay McCronon, Mary Harrington, Lois Abare

Members Absent: Peg Corbosiero

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski

Meeting called to order: 6:03 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting Abare/O'Neil 5-0 aye by roll call vote@ 6:04pm.

Old Business:

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

Electrical Lines on Old Centre Common: Mr. McCronon met with the electrical contractor.

The Commission is still interested in improving the appearance of the lines on the Common.

Motion to approve Mr. McCronon to proceed with contacting electric company M. Harrington/Abare 5-0 Approved @ 6:05 pm.

Wildlife Habitat Replacement on Militia Field: Mr. McCronon has been in contact with Wing & Prayer Nursery regarding plantings for the field. He is concerned about a potential wetland issue on the field. He believes it is a vernal pool, and not a pollinator habitat. The Conservation Commission can come out and inspect. Mr. McCronon would like input from other Commission members as to what they would like to plant on the field. The Commission decided to hold a special on- site meeting on May 25, 2022, at 6pm. To discuss plantings.

New Plantings on Old Centre Common: Mr. McCronon has located the design notes for the Common. He is interested in planting disease and insect resistant trees. Mr. McCronon would also like to see larger caliper trees (4 inch vs. 2 inch) planted. The trees range in price from \$540 to \$750. The Commission has funds in the militia account and monies from the Cumberland Farms Project. Applying for a Robinson-Broadhurst grant to fund the new plant-

ings was also discussed. The Commission is also concerned that the DPW be careful when mowing around the new trees. Mr. McCronon will email the plan to members. Mr. McCronon suggested purchasing the trees from Bigelows Nursery.

Historic District Signs: Ms. Harrington is still working on the Historic District signs. She would like “Entering Historic District” placed before the cemetery in Old Centre, coming up High Street, coming up Teel Road, and coming up Baldwinville Road. She is hoping this may aid the speeding issues as well. Mr. O’Neil asked if there were any other areas that needed to be designated.

Historic Commission Communication: Mr. O’Neil will look into the 978-297-3308 number to see if it is working. Mr. O’Neil is in possession of the Commission’s file cabinets in his office. Mr. O’Neil is confident Ms. Roberts will refer any Historic Commission issues that wind up in the Planning office to him.

Next scheduled meeting set for June 8, 2022

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: Abare/O’Neil, 5– 0 aye by roll call vote @ 6:34pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
