

Approved 5-8-24

Winchendon Historic Commission

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
**Via Remote Participation**

**Members Present:** James McCrohon, Mary Harrington, Jenelle Sroczynski

**Members Absent:** Guy Corbosiero, Yvonne Harrington

**Others Present:**

**Meeting called to order:** 4:01p.m.

**Minutes:**

*Motion to approve minutes of the March 13, 2024 regular Sroczynski/McCrohon 3-0  
Approved by roll call vote @ 4:43 pm.*

**Announcements:** Chairwoman Harrington informed the Commission that she and Ms. Sroczynski had a great meeting with Town Manager McKinney. He is supportive of the Commission and agrees space is needed in Town Hall for an office. There is space on the fourth floor, however, that office is used for many purposes. The Commission's filing cabinets are located in the old detective office in the former police station across from town hall. The Commission can "set up shop" there. Ms. Sroczynski will reach out to facilities director Kevin Cormier for keys.

**Member Comments:**

Mr. McCrohon has forwarded pictures of column examples for the Old Centre Church. The bases of the columns are not period correct, and the Commission is exploring options on how to fix them. Mr. McCrohon also mentioned the trimming of the Maple tree on the southeast corner of the Common. He feels fertilizing all trees on the Common will be beneficial and suggested fertilizing spikes. The Commission will check with DPW to see if any fertilizing is planned, and if not will purchase the spikes. Mr. McCrohon also forwarded ideas for establishing and maintaining a Historic District, along with sample letters to home owners. These items will be discussed at the May 2024 meeting.

Ms. Sroczynski commented on Mr. McKinney's recent interview explaining the deficit and economic situation of the Town. This solidifies the possible part-time position being grant funded. Ms. Sroczynski reached out to Amy Scott regarding the Old Centre Cemetery. There are no projects planned at this time, but Ms. Scott will inform the

Commission if she plans anything. Ms. Scott does not have the time to be an alternate member of the Commission. Adian Provost was mentioned as a possible alternate. Ms. Sroczynski will try and contact him. Ms. Sroczynski also mentioned the Commission having a booth at the 2024 Fall Fest. She will get in contact with Nicole Roberts for an application.

Ms. Harrington told the Commission she continues to have regular meetings with Mr. Dave Plummer regarding his archaeological/Native American findings in our area. Mr. Plummer has a plethora of information he would like to hand over to the Commission, consisting of maps and pictures. Ms. Harrington would like to video document all of this important information. An Executive Session meeting will be scheduled for next month to discuss this sensitive material. Ms. Harrington also feels it is a great time to get to work on grant station. There are many potential opportunities for grant monies.

**Public Comments:**

None were heard.

**Old Business:**

No updates

Next scheduled meeting-Scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 4pm.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn McCrohon/ Sroczynski, 3-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:47pm.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:47pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jenelle Sroczynski  
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

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