

Approved 4-9-2025

Winchendon Historic Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Via Remote Participation

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

Members Absent: Guy Corbosiero

Others Present: George Haramundanis

Meeting called to order: 4:00p.m.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting with amendments Y. Harrington/Sroczynski 4-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:08 pm.

Announcements:

Chairwoman Harrington announced she has submitted the 2024 annual report to the town and confirmed it has been received. Mr. McCrohon stated he would like his architectural certificates added to the report. Ms. Harrington advised he edit and she will try to resubmit. Ms. Harrington stated Ms. Sroczynski will be delayed in her start for working on behalf of the Commission. Lastly, Ms. Harrington stated she has started the Commission's profile on grant station. The yearly subscription is \$199. This will make looking for funds for potential projects easier to locate and apply for. This will be a great resource for the Native American Project.

Public Comments:

Mr. Haramundanis told the Commission he has submitted his letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen to become an alternate member. He is interested in working on the Native American Project with Ms. Harrington and Mr. Plummer. Ms. Y. Harrington commented the Commission had purchased a camera and all sites are logged through GPS.

Member Comments:

Ms. Sroczynski told the Commission she has confirmed with Mr. O'Neil that the phone line and computer are in working order in the office. She has also confirmed with Mr. McKinney that the Commission can submit expense reports signed by Chairwoman Harrington to utilize the gift account. Ms. Sroczynski

explained the budget crisis of Winchendon to the members, citing the fact that if the 1.9 million dollar override does not pass, the Library, Senior Center, and Rec Department will be closed. The Commission is quite concerned as the Library and Senior Center are historical buildings. Chairwoman Harrington suggested reaching out to Board of Selectmen members to express their concern. Chairwoman Harrington went on to explain more about Grant Station. She encouraged members to start to think about projects they would like to apply for funding. There are Foundations, Organizations, Corporate, and Government entities that have available funds. The primary goals are the Downtown Historic District, and the part-time administrative position. Ms. Harrington expressed her delight with having Mr. Haramundanis on board. Mr. McCrohon stated he has been working on a handbook for the Commission. He has approximately 145 pages written. Topics include ideas for projects, an outline of historic preservation, grant programs, community planning for small business, marketing strategies for museums and such, and resources for homeowners of historic homes. Mr. McCrohon also reminded members that they would have to recuse themselves from any conversation regarding properties within 300 feet of their own home.

Old Business:

No updates

Next meeting scheduled for April 9, 2025 at 4pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourned Sroczynski/McCrohon 4-0 Approved by roll call vote @ 4:44pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
