

TOWN OF WINCHENDON



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Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday June 13, 2018

4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, David Plummer, Peg Corbosiero, Yvonne Harrington

Members Absent: Mary Harrington, Jay McCronon Lois Abare

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski Recording Secretary

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

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 4-11-2018 Regular Meeting Corbosiero/Plummer 4-0

Approved @ 6:04 pm.

Comments regarding minutes included plaques being placed underneath the pictures at Cumberland Farms for the purpose of identification. There was an inquiry as to the status of the proposed improvements to 30 Old Centre.

Public Comment:

None were heard

Member Comments:

Mr. Bohan informed the Commission of the presentation of Ed The Wizard at the Beals Memorial Library on 7-13-2018. He encouraged members to let parents and children know. Mr. Bohan informed members of the reappointments of Ms. Yvonne Harrington and Mr. Jay McCronon. Both members have been reappointed for 3 years. Mr. Bohan is in possession of 3 invoices that need to be approved for payment. They are for the Winchendon History and Cultural Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Historic Preservation of Massachusetts. *Motion to pay annual bills Corbosiero, Harrington 4-0 Approved @ 6:11 pm.* Ms. Harrington noted how nice the brush looks next to the militia field. The DPW has been attentive to maintaining it, along with portions of the field. Mr. Bohan is in receipt of a project notification relating to the work proposed on Central Street and 202. There has been a meeting between MA DOT & Tighe & Bond. The Commission by Federal Law has the right

to oversee the project and make recommendations. Mr. Bohan to check with Mass Historic for specifics regarding the rights of the Commission. Mr. Plummer inquired about 300 High Street. Mr. Bohan to reach out to property owner. There was discussion over several issues in Old Center. Several homeowners have done renovations/repairs to their homes and have not sought the input or permission from the Commission. Members find this upsetting and disrespectful. It was stated all renovations need to be compliant with Mass Historic law. Ms. Corbosiero recommended a site visit. Mr. Bohan will do a drive by and report back to Commission. Mr. Bohan brought to the Commissions attention that in the 2017 Annual Town Report there were 14 Demolition Permits issued by the Building Department. The Commission was not informed on any of them. Mr. Bohan has had conversations with Building Commissioner Geoff Newton. These conversations have been unsuccessful. Mr. Bohan tried to stress the fact that the Commission needs to be notified of all Demolition permits issued. Mr. Bohan to have additional conversation with Mr. Newton. If this attempt does not conclude with a resolution, Mr. Bohan will be reaching out to the State. Ms. Corbosiero shared that the contractor replacing the sidewalks in front of her home redid the work after she questioned the height of the sidewalk, and impediment of her stone wall. She is interested in creating a "Save the Stonewalls" bylaw.

Native American Project: Mr. Plummer informed the Commission the whole project is heading to the procurement office. The target date for having the contracts signed is September 1, 2018. This is of course a slow process. Mr. Plummer is still working on transferring data to the new laptop.

Historic Commission Policies: This is an ongoing item. Mr. Bohan again encouraged members to bring policies to the Commission for discussion. Ms. Harrington suggested looking into other Historic Commission around the region and seeing what their policies are. Mr. Bohan to reach out to Linda Daigle for suggestions.

Other Business:

Mr. Bohan would like "Old Business" to be added to the agenda. Ms. Harrington is still interested in creating an inventory of the graves at Old Centre Cemetery. Unfortunately, there is a lot of missing information and recreating those records has proved to be nearly impossible. Mr. Bohan would like to work on an updated contact list for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018 at 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Harrington/Plummer 3-0 Approved 7:08pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:



