

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

MEETING OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023

CONFERENCE ROOM- 7:00 PM

- 1* **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER-** Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
2. **MEMBERS ATTENDING-** Members who sign in include Charlie Bennett, Roberta Albano, Ted Malysz, and Pete Ablondi;
3. **MINUTES FROM MEETING OF MAY 30-** Minutes of May meeting were approved as presented;
4. **BUDGET INFORMATION-** FY 24 budget is \$300.00
5. **ACTIVE PROJECTS-**
 - A. **MEMORIAL SCHOOL-** Peter advised of E-mails from Shannon Walsh of PVPC who said her review of Form B will happen during November; She will advise and Secretary will monitor progress;
 - B. **TINKHAM ROAD MONUMENT-** Charlie advised that Summer flooding in VT severely impacted quarry operation and put them behind at least two months; John Bottaro will advise Charlie of monument progress time-line;
 - C. **HISTORICAL PICS FOR TOWN HALL OFFICES-** Bobbie advised she has met with Heather to select historical pictures for office walls, she was advised that Facilities Manager Sam Boyd is key to the success of this project;
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**
 - A. **UNDERGROUND TUNNEL PROJECT-** Ted reviewed info from two firms, he will contact E. Long. Company with detailed questions about estimate for our site; Dave Bourcier to be asked to contact Head of School inviting their cooperation with tunnel project; Ted to advise members of site meeting date;
 - B. **HISTORICAL SIGNAGE LOCATIONS-**
 1. **Maple Street Victorian Area-** Maple Street sign locations discussed; Charlie to obtain sign pricing for CPC application; Peter to ask Heather for date of CPC project app;
 2. **Agricultural Corridor along Main Street-** Sign location to be placed on former Green Acres property along Main Street;
 3. **First Church granite marker on Main Street-** Location of wording on original stone discussed for placement on new stone;
 4. **Pesky Sarpent signage-** Location of actual site needs further research
7. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - A. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS-**
 1. **Election of Chair-** Bobbie Albano was unanimously elected;
 2. **Election of Vice Chair-** Charlie Bennett was also unanimously elected
 - B. **NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT-** Discussion of Bob Tour- Bobbie to contact;

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- C. HOLLISTER BUILDING-** Cathy Dowd inquired as to historical status of 2805 Boston Rd; Bobbie to contact her;
- D. WILBRAHAM- HISTORICAL BUILDING STRUCTURES-** Charlie to research on-line Mass Hist Comm file of whereabouts of Wilbraham historical structures;
- E. MASS HIST COMM- 2022 EDITION OF STRUCTURES-** Charlie to research as to why Wilbraham historical structures were omitted from newest edition sent to Wilb Hist Comm;
- F. HISTORICAL STORAGE AREA-** Due to lateness of hour, area not accessed at October meeting;

8. DATE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS-

- A. NOVEMBER 21- TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM**
- B. DECEMBER 12- TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM**

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT- Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Ablondi,
Secretary

