



Westfield Historical Commission

Minutes for October 24, 2016

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Present: Carly Bannish, Cindy Gaylord, Walt Fogg, Danny Nason, Ellen McEwan

Absent: Kate Deviny, Amanda Goodheart

Public participation:

- Karen Fanion, Westfield City Clerk: Karen updated us on the Open Meeting Law, how to write and post the agenda and minutes, and information on an upcoming meeting on the Open Meeting Law.

Secretary's Report:

Ellen moved to accept the secretary's report.

Danny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mailings:

- We received the bill from Ricky's Porta-Pottys Inc. for \$96.00 from the Ghost Tours. Walt moved to pay the bill. Carly seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Old Burying Ground (OBG) Update: Irving Slavid returned the Westfield Historical Commission's (WHC) entire deposit for work for which he was hired to complete but instead resigned from the job. TaMara Conde will be able to do the work for us and will submit a quote. She will repair the Nehemiah Bull stone and the two Taylor tabletops. Carly moved to accept the check for deposit. Danny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Ghost Tours: Next year's dates will be September 29th and 30th. WHC decided to pay Jay Pagluica \$650.00 for his services with lighting and special effects. Cindy moved to pay Jay this amount. Walt seconded the motion. Motion passed. WHC decided to donate \$200.00 to the Westfield Athenaeum's Rise to Knowledge Campaign for their help in selling the tickets for the Ghost Tours. Cindy moved to pay this amount to the library. Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Wyben Schoolhouse Update: Cindy, Carly, and Walt met with the mayor to discuss if there are any city funds available to the WHC to use to help restore the old schoolhouse. It appears there is no funding for this project. Walt asked for city

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assistance with trash pick-up there and some electrical assistance which the mayor agreed to help with.

- OBG Gate: Danny is waiting to hear back from the Blue Ribbon Welding owner regarding the date for the repair to the gate. He will call again and will ask if they are unable to do the work. If so, the WHC will need to hire someone else.
- General Shepard Brass Sign: Walt has put a call in to Don Humason to see if there is a template for Massachusetts roadside signs. He continues to research examples of signs.
- Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Meeting Update: Cindy and Walt were present at the October 13th meeting. Walt gave the CPC a breakdown of the \$60,000 for costs in the Westfield Museum Inc.'s renovations. He will reapply for the grant in January.
- Digitizing Engineering Records: Walt moved to table this item. Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Columbia Bicycle Donation: Walt moved to table this item. Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Preservation Award Update: WHC received three nominations for the award. 1. Friends of Grandmothers' Garden 2. Charles D'Amour 3. David Mosher. Cindy moved to vote at our November meeting after the WHC has time to look at the nominations more closely. Carly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Treasurer: We addressed the need for a treasurer for the WHC. Carly moved to table the item. Danny seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Westfield's 350th Celebration Meeting Update (October 18th): Danny and Cindy attended. WHC volunteered to focus our efforts on the historical aspect of the celebration. WHC will research the buildings downtown and put the information into a document that can be handed out at the Westfield Athenaeum. The major event will be May 19, 2019 but the anniversary will be celebrated throughout the year.
- Records from Railroad Company: A woman from Florida brought up a box of leases between Westfield and a railroad company. The mayor is having the legal department look at them.

Ellen moved to adjourn. Carly seconded the motion. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:21 PM. Our next meeting is Monday, November 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Bannish, Secretary

