



## Westfield Historical Commission

Minutes for September 21, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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Present: Commissioners Cindy Gaylord, Carly Bannish, Cindy Bronson, Ellen McEwan, Michael Ingraham, Crystal Hollister

Absent: Commissioners Debbie Oppermann

Commissioner Gaylord called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Public Participation: None

Secretary's Report: Unable to vote on acceptance – will do so next month when we have all received the minutes from August

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Bannish, Treasurer reported the following balances:

General Fund: \$5,138.75

Historical Gift Account: \$7,716.55

Mail: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Old Burying Ground Restoration Update: Tamara Conde contacted Commissioner Gaylord to say she has started work in the OBG. We will be cleaning stones on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and will be able to check on her progress.
2. Westfield Historic Coloring Book Update: Previously moved to October's meeting
3. Grant for Old Schoolhouse: Tabled until Commissioner Oppermann is available to report on her findings. Motion to table item made by Commissioner McEwan. Seconded by Commissioner Bronson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Preservation Award Nominations Update: Commissioner Gaylord has ordered plaques from Dinn Brothers Trophies to award to Pilgrim Candle and The Landlord Fowler Tavern. She will confirm

a date with Mayor Humason for the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> to present the awards at 4:15 on the selected date.

5. OBG Stone Cleaning Update: The Historical Commission will meet on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to clean stones. We will not open this to the public this year in deference to the COVID-19 situation.
6. Zoom Subcommittee Meeting for Plaque for the OBG Update: Commissioner Gaylord reached out to several companies to commission a Slanted Historical Interpretation Sign for the entrance to the Old Burying Ground. It should run between \$1,500 - \$1,700 according to estimates. Commissioner Gaylord will reach out to staff at the Technical Academy to see if someone there is able to create the mock up for us which will save \$500.

New Business:

1. Howe House CPC Restriction Vote: The owner requested to have the "in perpetuity" clause decreased. The CPC agreed to change it from in perpetuity to 15 years whereby no changes may occur on the building for that specified time. The Historical Commission needed to vote on agreement of this change. Motion made in agreement to change the timeframe made by Commissioner McEwan. Seconded by Commissioner Bannish. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Canal Meeting Update: Commissioner Oppermann will report on this meeting which she attended at October's meeting.
3. Boys and Girls Library Door: The Library Restoration Committee requested our input on colors for the new door, as did Kate Deviny, Director of the Westfield Athenaeum. We unanimously agreed to the dark blue with light trim choice.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Bronson. Seconded by Commissioner McEwan. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Date: October 19, 2020

Respectively Submitted, Carly Bannish