

West Newbury

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 7:00 pm, July 10, 2019, 1910 Building

Members Present: Chairman Bob Janes; Dot Cavanaugh; Jennifer Conway; Paul Knezek.

Historic Inventory

Ms. Conway explained that our Request for Quotes for West Newbury Phase 2 Historic Sites Survey was being reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and should be approved by the end of this week. Once approved, she will send the RFQ to the final version of the Solicitation List, upload it to the MHC listserv and make the final documents available on Dropbox. *he will provide an update to the Commission as soon as we hear back.*

Ms. Cavanaugh asked that 2 River Road be taken off the Survey list, as it did not exist and Mr. Janes suggested checking Worths Lane addresses, which may be added to the final list.

Historic District National Register of Historic Places Listing

Ms. Conway explained that Elisa Grammer had completed the mailing, and the signatures for expenses were filed. She also stated that in speaking with the Massachusetts Historical Commission about a meeting for residents, they indicated they wanted to wait to discuss until after they've reviewed all Survey RFQs.

Carr Post Building

Mr. Janes explained that he called the meeting a week early as the Historical Commission was asked to provide an opinion on the Legion Hall/Carr Post ideas prior to the next Board of Selectmen meeting, which will take place on Monday July 15. Town Manager Angus Jennings is hoping to ask for CPA Administrative fund to cover a company to come look at the Carr Post again for further plans to restore the building. He indicated that last week an engineer went through the site and recommended the tower be removed, but the overall consensus is for the tower to stay in place and the building look to be restored. *The Commission agreed 4-0-0 to go along with Mr. Jennings CPA fund request.*

Mr. Janes also stated that the Selectmen want to revamp the Building/Carr Post Committee and hoped that two members of the Historical Commission would join the Committee; Bob will continue to serve on the Committee. He also indicated that there will be a focused agenda for the Committee moving forward. *No other Commission members volunteered for the Committee at this time.*

Digitizing Civil War Items

Mr. Janes stated that he consulted with Town Clerk Michael McCarron about his experience digitizing Town records, and Mr. McCarron did not have the name of the company that provided the digital service for the records. Mr. Janes also stated that he called the Massachusetts Historical Commission about a company or service, and they only were able to provide a company in

Andover. He is going to look into getting a few more company names before pursuing CPC funding for this project.

Minutes

The Commission voted 4-0-0 to approve minutes of June 24, 2019.

Next meeting

August 21, 2019

Adjourn

The Commission adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Conway