

West Newbury

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 7:00 pm, December 15, 2021, via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Chairman Bob Janes; Dot Cavanaugh; Jennifer Conway; Elisa Grammer.

FY 2021 Annual Report

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft report, as revised. Ms. Grammer noted that if the opportunity presents itself, the Commission might recommend naming a street or other item after a woman. She said that she is aware only of the plaque in Town Hall for Mrs. Brown and the conference room in the elderly housing complex named for Nancy Barry.

Monthly Minute Histories

The Commission agreed to use the George Bradley story in January and the Isaac Boyd story in February, Ms. Grammer described her research about WAC Doris Pierce, an Army Air Corps support person, reservist, and assistant West Newbury post master. Ms. Conway will use that research to work on a story.

Historic Sites Survey

Ms. Conway reported that the Massachusetts Historical Society approved West Newbury for the next round of grant applications and indicated that the Town might be able to receive an extra \$5K above the amount requested. *She will inquire about what this means in terms of matching obligations.* Ms. Conway said that the application is due on February 7, 2022, and that she will be revising prior applications to submit a draft to the Commission.

Other Business

Chair Janes reported on the December 1, 2021 Select Board meeting. He said that

- The Board decided to remove the 2 historic markers that reference Indians
- Kelly Scott's gift of the 1856 map was discussed but no vote was taken about its installation in Town Offices
- Robert Belmont was appointed to the Commission

Ms. Grammer said that she submitted the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) applications for Town Reports digitization. She said that she had not heard anything more

Ms. Grammer said that she had been in touch with Select Board/CPC member Wendy Reed about revisions to the CPC annual plan. She said she provided input and that Chair Janes should receive a copy of the revised version.

Takeaway Tasks

Ms. Grammer will:

- Send the Historical Commission FY 2021 Annual Report to the Assistant Town Clerk

- Inquire about a meeting with the Select Board to discuss 1) the gift map and 2) a declaration of the duplicative documents in the Town Offices basement as surplus and disposable
- Send Ms. Conway the research about Doris Pierce

Mr. Janes will obtain contact information for Mr. Belmont so that he can be notified of upcoming Commission meetings

Minutes

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 3, 2021, as revised.

Adjournment

7:24 pm

Next Meeting

January 19, 2022

Meeting Documents

Draft FY 2021 Annual Report

Draft Monthly Minute Stories

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Grammer