

West Newbury

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 7:00 pm, September 10, 2023, Town Offices, 1st floor

Members Present: Chair Bob Janes, Elisa Grammer. Also present, Select Board liaison Chris Wile.

Select Board Liaison

Select Board member Chris Wile attended the meeting, explaining that the Select Board has now assigned its members to the various Town committees and boards, and he has been assigned to the Historical Commission. The Commission members outlined some of the activities they had been working on (such as the Historic Sites Survey, Town cemeteries, the Tales of Our Town, etc.). It was pointed out that the Commission lacks a member and is looking for someone to fill Jennifer Conway's spot. Mr. Wile suggested Bethany Groff Dorau and Ms. Grammer said Ms. Dorau would be excellent—but is a very busy person. *He will reach out to Ms. Groff Dorau, and Ms. Grammer will reach out to see if anyone on the Historic District Committee would like to join the Historical Commission.*

Cemeteries

Mr. Janes said he had told Peter Carbone, who has questions about the private cemetery on his family's property, about this meeting, but Mr. Carbone was unable to attend.

Ms. Grammer reported that she has finished cleaning up the Almshouse Cemetery for this fall and has been in contact with Butch Hills regarding contracting for landscaper clean up service, particularly as concerns the Quaker Cemetery, which is in bad shape. Ms. Grammer said that she has done some clean up around some of the gravestones and has found more burial sites where the gravestones have broken off and disappeared.

Minutes

Deferred.

Adjournment

7:52 pm

Meeting Documents

10/2022 email about Goodrich Poor cemetery

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Grammer

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Approved October 24, 2023*