

Northbridge Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting - September 28, 2021
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Present: Lenny Smith (chairperson) Christine Johnson, Kenneth Warchol

Absent: Wendy Timmons

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Len Smith

1.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Len Smith, "To Approve the Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021. Seconded by Ken Warchol. Motion carries unanimously.

2.0 National Park Service – Update on Installation of Signage

The four signs as discussed at the previous meeting were installed. The temporary sign installation will take place on Thursday at 9:30 AM at the Common and ribbon cutting will take place on October 12, 2021, at 9:30.

3.0 Confirm Northbridge Historical Society seat for 250th Committee

Ken Warchol contacted Jack Walker as a follow-up. Alicia Cannon is chairing. Len will contact Sharon Susienka to add this discussion/appointment at the next selectmen's meeting. If no appointment is made, an additional "at large" position can be created.

4.0 Community Preservation Commission (CPC) Update

Christine Johnson provided an update as to the status of the Watson Farm initiative. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the pre-application. The next steps will be discussed at a subsequent meeting, however, the owner of the tax record must be located and contacted.

Len Smith informed the Historical Commission that the request for funding for a display case for artifacts by the Fire Department to be housed in the new Fire Station was not approved as it did not fulfill the language of the CPC for funding projects of this type.

5.0 Artifacts sent to Town Hall from a former resident

Susan Matheson donated artifacts to the library including photos of the 1908 high school, Hill Street Church, and the 1972 Bicentennial booklet. A letter acknowledging the gift will be sent from the Northbridge Historic Commission and Selectmen's Office. The artifacts will be donated to the Whitinsville Social Library Historic Room.

Moved by Ken Warchol, seconded by Christine Johnson, Motion carries unanimously.

6.0 Status of MA Preservation Awards (2019 & 2020)

Len Smith continues to update the Commission on the status of the awards session. To date, no plans have been made to present the awards. He has been in touch base with Senator Ryan Fattman's Office.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Warchol at 7:49. Approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson