

Historical Commission Mtg 4-23-18

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The Commission met this evening ..mtg started at 7PM.  
Commission members present were Ken Warchal, Dan O'Neill and Lenny Smith.  
Wendy Timmons arrived 10 minutes later.

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The clerk was told by the chair that he must edit the minutes of the previous mtg and remove all references to teleconferencing and the votes of absent member L Smith that day b/c Northbridge bylaws do not allow for such activity by boards and commissions.

The Commission members were told of an upcoming event at Alternatives in Whitinsville for the unveiling of a plaque honoring the town residents KIA in World War1 and2.  
There will also be a presentation on the early years of the Whittin Machine Works, town expansion, etc.

The Commission was then notified by the chair that there will be a presentation of an award the town is receiving in Boston for the preservation of our Northbridge Town Hall. This will occur late may-early June..TBD.

Next on the agenda was discussion of how to proceed with the 3 historic markers mentioned at last month's mtg for Rochdale, Riverdale and the Aldrich school. Wendy T has one ready.

The chair suggested she look for a lower price per sign to get them finished so that the cost per unit will be lower.

Next the group discussed the upcoming Trolley Tours on 6/23/18. The trolley has been secured and deposit done. After the tours are completed, we will pay the final 50%. The signup sheets are ready. The Public Library will handle signing people up. Mr V Osterman and Koopmans Lumber have already contributed \$500 each to subsidize event. It was suggested that a large "H" be put on the signup sheets when a disabled person registers b/c a wheel chair or other mobility device it will require more van space to accommodate them. It was suggested that extra people be signed up for the event deliberately to assure full vans. The people on the waiting list will be notified 3 days before the event if space available. There are 32 seats available on one tour and 34 on the other. The total cost is \$1474 for the trolley. It was suggested that the idea of making 2 stops..one at the Mansion and one at historic cemetery would take up too much time. The group decided to limit stops for people to get off and look around to 1 at the mansion was the better idea.

The next order of business was the pending resignations from our Commission by Paula McCowan and Mary Barlow. Paula's letter wasn't accepted promptly by the town clerk b/c of clerical error. Both are going to step down soon.

Another issue discussed was that there was no more Walking tours of Northbridge available. The group discussed adding the town hall to the map and asking the town manager for funding help. Ken W said that an artist is going to redo the artwork on the document before it is distributed .

The Commission will meet again on May 14th 2018.