

Historic Commission Meeting - November 4, 2011 Minutes

Members Present: Eric Dray, Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, and Susan Avellar

Not Present: Char Priolo (excused/working) Stephen Milkewicz, and Marty Hassell

Called to order at 10:00Am

Agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from 10/7/11

Approval moved by Steve Borkowski 2nd Susan Avellar Vote 3 yes

2. Public Statements

Donald Whitcomb approached the Commission to inquiry what help the Commission could provide in his petition to change Cudworth St. back to its original name 'Orthodox Rd.

The Commission recommends that Mr. Whitcomb present his historic information to the Board of Selectman and to summarize his proposal request.

3. Update of Town Buildings

The landscaping at the Public Library is proceeding. Unfortunately, the belfry has been painted when it should not have been.

The Freeman St. building restoration contract has been awarded with no notification to nor input of the Commission. Work is scheduled to begin in late Nov.

The Winthrop St. Cemetery conditions assessment has also been awarded.

Firehouse 3 is being cleaned and prepared for the storage of Town artifacts from the Heritage Museum.

4. Interpretive Materials

Mobile phone apps are up and running. The Commission will work with the Chamber of Commerce, VSB and PBG to get links on their web sites.

The aerial view currently hanging in the health agent's office will be moved to Firehouse 2.

Member Steve Borkowski informed the Commission that at least one of the new display cabinets require a 'flatdeck' He suggests that we partner with the Art Commission to purchase one of the decks at a cost of \$250. Vote taken to split the cost with the Art Commission.

5. Heritage Collection Assessment

Awaiting the move of the artifacts

6. Oral History

Paul DeRuyter has completed his interview with Napi Van Derek and the Van

Derek art collection and is now working on one with Peter Cook.

It has been suggested that he be asked to complete two more, one on the Town Hall art collection and one on the Town Hall restoration.

7. CPC Applications

The Town Clerk's Office is requesting a grant for the restoration and storage of the Town's vital records.

8. Other Business

The Bas Relief is in need of cleaning and masonry work. Steve Borkowski has received an estimate of \$30,000. Perhaps the new Monument Director can help to spearhead a collaborative effort to raise funds for the needed work

Budget 2012 will be voted on by the Town on Dec. 1

Moved by Polly Brunell to level fund the budget at \$500. 2nd Susan Avellar

Vote: 4 yes

The next meeting of the Commission will be on December 9 at 10AM

9. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn by Polly Burnell 2nd Susan Avellar Vote 4 yes