



APPROVED

**Historic Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 30, 2022  
Center Office Building**

**Present:**

Richard Volpe, Chair  
Charles Blanchard  
Barbara Search

Jean Bubon, Town Planner

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft survey instrument provided by PAL and to discuss next steps.

**Approval of Minutes**

Charles Blanchard made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Barbara Search. A vote was taken and passed 2-0-1 with Richard Volpe Abstaining.

**Review of Survey Questions Provided by PAL**

The Committee reviewed the draft survey questions as well as a sample from the Town of Sudbury and discussed potential edits for some time. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed that it was not satisfied with the work product provided by PAL and would ask that the document be re-written to be more detailed and more specific to Sturbridge. Some time was spent composing a letter expressing the Commission's dissatisfaction with the survey and asking that a new survey be provided for review. A motion was made by Charles Blanchard, seconded by Barbara Search and voted 3-0 to send the correspondence developed.

**Old/New Business**

Charles Blanchard noted that he had done some research based on the walk-in from the last meeting. Based upon his review of records, it appears that Mr. Sheridan's Great Grandfather likely worked on either the Nichols or the Welch Farm. It did not appear that they lived in Sturbridge for a long period of time and was unlikely they were buried here. Mr. Blanchard did reach out to Tom Sheridan and provide him that information.

On a motion made by Richard Volpe, seconded by Charles Blanchard and voted 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.