

B Barnsley – need to save the headstones in the Old Burial Ground cemetery. D2 cleaner is sprayed on headstones to breakout the biologicals that breakdown the stones, but do not harm the environment. Would also recommend filling in holes throughout the cemetery and ultimately address the issue of the trees that need to be removed.

The North Cemetery has records (books) that are in storage in Public Records building. Would recommend scanning them to save them. In his opinion this should be a high priority. Is willing to advise a group on how to tackle the project if anyone is interested.

Next meeting to be scheduled on ~~March 7th~~ ^{Feb 14} at 6pm.

B Applegate – motion to adjourn
R Volpe – 2nd
All approve

Adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Zavistoski, Historical Commission

Sturbridge Historical Commission

February 7, 2019 Minutes

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Richard Volpe, Vice Chair; Cathy Zavistoski, Secretary; Bailey Applegate

Guests: Megan Suslavich, Bill Barnsley

Call to Order: 6 p.m.

Review 1/17/19 Minutes

R Volpe – motion to accept

B Applegate – 2nd

All approve

B Search – Storm windows – met with Ashley & Ted (interim Town Manager) to extend the time for quotes to be submitted until February 14th.

Ashely is leaving the facilities position. Currently there is no replacement identified.

The new Town Manager starts in April.

B Search – met with CPC – HC has no current request for funding this fiscal year. If we have an amount to ask for (ex the Awards program) it can be presented at the next CPC meeting. HC does have funding for the plaque for the Publick House.

- Wording for Publick House plaque reviewed & approved by all HC attendees

R Volpe – will get quote on plaque in the next few days

B Search – re: Library & Town Hall archives – Mass Preservation sent links listing roving archivists who can train, provide information & advise on archiving & organization of records.

Mass Historical or National Register has a matching grant 25/75 for supplies up to either \$1,000 or \$1,500.

M Suslavich – how far in advance do you need to book the archivist?

B Search – Not sure – may still explore getting an student internship for help.

Demo Delay Review – Partial Demo Delays (demolition of a part of a historical building)

- Should consider adding to the Town by-laws
- Will not have time to put together recommendation for the regular Town Meeting. Will need to request special meeting later.

M Suslavich – offer to be Historical Advocate for Historic Commission – has experience in researching and writing descriptions of historical houses.

B Applegate – Maybe make a booklet of places to go/find (a “go see it”) to put in the library for the Summer Reading program.

B Barnsley – Could put artifacts, from the cemetery, on display in the library with something written up about them.

B Barnsley – Reviewed extensive research & mapping of ~~Sturbridge South Cemetery~~ *Old Burial Ground*.