

B Search – use plaque funding for the Hyde House / yellow house on the Common? Recognizing their efforts to preserve the historical nature of the house. Will check the survey to find out who owns it now.

Next meeting to be scheduled on <sup>Feb</sup> ~~March~~ 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

B Search – motion to adjourn

R Volpe – 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approve

Adjourned 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Zavistoski, Historical Commission

## Sturbridge Historical Commission

February 14, 2019 Minutes

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

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Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

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B Search – Too late to get funding request into CPC. Budgets are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, but CPC does not meet until March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

An option would be to add money to the HC budget request, but we would need to submit an article to a special Town Meeting.

Regarding some of the items being suggested/reviewed:

- the D2 cleaner to apply to the headstones would need permission & approval.
- Fannon Lehner recommended professionals dig up the partially buried headstones. They did not think there were that many bad spots in the Old Burial Ground that would need to be addressed. Should re-check that in the spring.
- Talk to Tom Chamberlain regarding the trees in the Old Burial Ground. He would be responsible for taking them down if it is determined that the need to come down. However, there could be some public backlash as some people like the trees in the Old Burial Ground. There is currently no budget for this now. Will need to request funding when needed.
- Should do some PR to get public support to remove the trees & stop the headstone rubbings. Start by putting articles in local papers.

B Search – should purchase a copy of Bill Barnsley's book. Maybe get a copy of his map laminated (approx. \$75).

R Volpe – too big to hang in the library. Need to find another place.

B Search – current HC budget is:

\$150 printing

\$100 supplies

\$100 display materials – use this for the lamination

B Search – maybe get volunteers to train to apply the D2 to save on the cost? Would this fall under the DPW? Need to find out.

Also talk to DPW about doing some cut backs or spraying weed killer around the Old Burial Ground walls.

R Volpe – regarding the North Cemetery records. Will talk to Butch *Jackson* about the records & possibly getting access to scan them.

B Search – will need to get some signs made to stop the headstone rubbings. Need to work on the exact wording.

R Volpe – Custom Casting is doing plaque for the Publick House. They could probably do it. Very nice bronze signs. Will order the 8x10 plaque for the Publick House.

B Search – should also get a Town Policy in place to stop the rubbings. Need to go before the Board of Selectmen to do that. Will talk to Mike Supernaught about this.

R Volpe – will also send a note to Mary Blanchard to find out how *proceed* procedure.