

Sturbridge Historical Commission
Meeting location – Town Hall

January 22, 2020 Minutes

Revised

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Cathy Zavistoski, Secretary, Charles Blanchard
Absent: Richard Volpe, Bailey Applegate
Public attendee: Lynne Girouard (Town Clerk)

Call to Order: 6 p.m.

Review 12/10/19 Minutes

C Blanchard – motion to accept with changes
B Search – 2nd
All approve

Discussed Joshua Hyde Library plans for getting a grant to hire a roving archivist to come in & go through documents with Lynne Girouard (who is working with Becky Plimpton – Library Director) on this project. Becky Plimpton also applying for MBLC assessment grant. They will be going before the BOS regarding this project. Included in discussion is the possibility of having documents in the possession of Bob Briere included in the archivist review. Will check with Becky to see if she might do a 1st review of Bob's documents.

Discussed possibility of using bookcase in Center Office Building to display some items – maybe rotate what is displayed.

B Search noted that the cemetery signs are up, but the bill has not been received yet.

C Blanchard – North Cemetery vault, part in-ground – will check to see what it was used for & when it was built.

Reviewed request for additional funding (\$17,600) for the storm window project for Town Hall. This request is not currently on the warrant for the next BOS meeting so it will probably be on the Annual Town Meeting budget requests.

Robyn Chrabasz (Facilities Coordinator) to request additional funding (\$2,600) for ~~Town Hall~~ ^{Center Ofc.} windows. Should be on warrant for Special Town Meeting.

Need to vote to support request

R Volpe – motion to support request
C Blanchard – 2nd
All approve

Reviewed Historic Commission Annual Report

Old Business: Pioneer Valley updated the survey with pictures provided by C Blanchard. Mass Historical in Boston also likes updates & additional information on places or properties.

New Business: Reviewed cost to have William Willard paintings (3) restored. Estimated cost is \$5,000. CPC may request letter of support from Historic commission. HC will provide letter if requested.
Reviewed Annual Report.

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Next meeting – tentatively scheduled 2/13/20 at 6pm

C Blanchard – motion to adjourn

B Search – 2nd

All approve

Adjourned 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Zavistoski, Historical Commission

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