

MA Historical Commission  
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**Historical Commission  
Minutes  
January 4, 2023**

Present: Wayne Oliveira, John Medeiros, Michael Kelly, Natalie Mello, David Braga,  
Gary Lavalette, Keith Silvia  
Absent: Gail Isaksen, MJ Carvalho

Mr. Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**Minutes**

Ms. Mello made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022 with one minor correction noted. Seconded. Mr. Lavalette Vote carried.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Oliveira reviewed the FY23 financial amounts for the Commission and the up-to-date balances remaining in each account. Total balance \$13,981.47

**Signing of the Bills**

Members signed the monthly commission's bills for Eversource and Superior Heating & AC for heating system repair to the Academy \$852.10

**Correspondence**

Chair Oliveira read a letter from the Oxford Residence at 347 Main Street (Old Oxford School) They have been deemed eligible for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places through MA Historical Commission. Letter is placed on file.

**Chair Report**

Made the Commission members aware that the Town Hall sustained some minor damage to the terracotta trim on the upper level of the building. The Town Administrator will work to get repairs made. Also noted the we still have possession of the Fairhaven Bridge Plaque that need to be reinstalled on the granite pillar on the North Side of Rt. 6 at the bridge approach by Middle St. We need to find a capable vendor to do some stone work to reset the plaque properly.

**Academy**

The front door is targeted for replacement. Commission members we polled to see if they would support not painting the door and instead using stain and varnish as a finish. Contractors have noted that a wood door that is painted a dark color on the South facing exposure may warp and separate with extreme weather. They are recommending either a light color paint or a stain be used. Selection will be a dark stain and a clear sealer.

### **Fire Museum**

Washington St. Firehouse: .Mr. Braga- Nothing to report. He will keep an eye on the property over the winter months to see what work needs to be done in the Spring.

Spring St. Mr. Oliveira reported that CPC renovations are just about complete. We are just waiting on cedar shingle sealing.

### **Fort Phoenix**

The mounds on the parapet will need some reworking in the Spring to build them up and eliminate the unsightly weed issue. The parapet wall will also get a fresh coat of pain in the Spring.

### **Old Stone School House**

Renovations on that building are complete with the exception of doing the landscaping around the building and adding some stone for drainage and a natural ramp leading up to the front door.

### **Street Lamp Project**

Mr. Oliveira, Mr. Isaksen and Mr. Silvia are hopeful to start parts of the project soon including the installation of the light bases and the running of the underground conduit if the winter is mild. Lamps are expected to be delivered January 26.

### **Committee Liaison**

Ms. Carvalho – Absent tonight- She will be the new Chair of the Lagoa Committee.

Mr. Lavalette: CPC is still meeting. The Historical Commission has no applications in for this round.

### **House Plaques**

None

### **Demo Delay**

None reported.

### **New Business**

None

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2023

motion to adjourn by Ms. Mello 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Medeiros Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Oliveira  
Historical Commission Chair