

# Historical Commission

Minutes  
May 10, 2023

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**Present:** Wayne Oliveira, MJ Carvalho , Gary Lavalette, Michael Kelly, Keith Silvia

**Absent:** Gail Isaksen, Natalie Mello, David Braga, John Medeiros.

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:37 pm.

## Minutes

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023

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 in all categories: \$11,484.39

## Signing of the Bills

Members signed the monthly commission's bills for Eversource \$432.00 And Eversource for work to be performed on the Street Lamp Project Total from Gift Account \$536.00

## Correspondence

None

## Chairman's Report

Made the Commission members aware of the following issues:

1. Reorganization of the Commission will take place at the June meeting. Position up for vote are Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary.
2. The DPW wants to meet with a representative of the Commission and the BPW Board to discuss Cooke Park and any change in designation as a cemetery as petitioned by Karen Vilandry.
3. Reminder that the current budget ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and we need to do any remaining work before that time or encumber the funds for work not able to be performed before the end date.

## Academy

The front door project was looked at by Valois & Co. and we are awaiting a quote. Noted that we will be looking over the building to see what work needs to be done in this current budget. The railing on the fire escape needs to be repaired as noted in a past fire inspection. Gary will try to line up a welder. Also looking for a painter to do some spot touch-up to make the paint job last a bit longer before we have to repaint or re-shingle.

## Fire Museum

Washington St. Firehouse: No report by Mr. Braga who is absent. Chairman Oliveira has some requests for quotes out to repaint the building and doors.

Spring St. Mr. Oliveira reported that inside preparation for displays is ongoing by the Fairhaven Protecting Society members who run the antique fire trucks. The back door of that building also need to be replaced. The current door is rotted at the bottom and is difficult to secure.

**Fort Phoenix**

Nothing new to report. We will look into adding more dirt to the top of the parapet wall and reshape the grassy mounds along with reseeded. We will ask DPW to start cutting the top of the parapet again.

We will request assistance from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office to repaint the front of the parapet wall.

**Old Stone School House**

Mr. Medeiros absent. No report

**Street Lamp Project**

Mr. Nils Isaksen gave an update on the project which has begun by installing the concrete foundations and running underground conduit to each foundation. The project will be ongoing until completed.

**Committee Liaison**

Lagoa Committee – Ms. Carvalho is Chair of that Committee. They are looking for more members.

**House Plaques**

None

**Demo Delay**

None reported.

**New Business**

The tourist sign on the Town Hall Lawn (Corner of Center & Williams) Members would like to see a letter sent to the TA suggesting that the sign be remade as it is obsolete. The Tourism Office should be responsible for its remake as it serves tourism within the neighborhood and it points out places of interest to visit.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Carvalho 2nd Mr. Lavalette Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Oliveira  
Historical Commission Chairman