

Historical Commission

Minutes

July 5, 2023

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

Absent: Gail Isaksen, Natalie Mello, David Braga

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

John Medeiros was present at the meeting to inform the Commission that he will not be continuing with the Commission so that he can pursue some other personal projects. Mr. Medeiros was thanked for his years of service to the Town and to the Historical Commission. He further stated that he will still be around to help with special projects that may come up.

Minutes

Mr. Lavalette made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023

Seconded. Ms. Carvalho Vote carried.

Financial Report

Mr. Oliveira reviewed the FY23 financial amounts for the Commission and the up-to-date balances remaining in each account as we are at the end of the fiscal year.

Total balance in all categories: \$6,772.87 \$3,000 of that is money we hold for emergency use at the Manjuro House.

Signing of the Bills

Members signed the monthly commission's bills for Eversource \$390.05 Rocky's Hardware \$14.99 Amazon for Flags \$366.72 Scott Truck Repair \$1,075.00 Matt Paulson(Truck cover) \$250.

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Report

Made the Commission members aware of the following issues:

1. Reorganization of the Commission will take place at the August meeting when we hopefully will have a full membership. 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. Meeting is tentatively set for July 24th
3. Chairman Oliveira will be meeting with the TA and Tourism Director on 7/18 about replacement of the Town Hall Lawn Sign directing visitors to points of interest in the neighborhood.
4. The Commission is asked by the School Department to support the construction of a storage building on the South/West corner of the Football Field. The plans are in character with the style of the field and FHS and will be built by Voc-Tech students.

Academy

The front door project was looked at by Valois & Co. Quote is for \$26,200.00

Chairman will be meeting with Valois & Co. on July 20 to review the scope of work and schedule to start.

Fire Museum

Washington St. Firehouse: has been painted and is looking good.

Spring St. Firehouse: 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. Cedar shingles have been coated with grey bleaching oil to protect them after power washing.

Fort Phoenix

Nothing new to report.

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

Old Stone School House

DPW will be helping us with the walkway to the front door.

Street Lamp Project

Chairman Oliveira gave an update on the project: All of the lamps are up and now they just need to be connected by wire and install a control box where the electrical feed will come in from the pole. The project will be ongoing until completed.

Committee Liaison

Lagoa Committee – Ms. Carvalho is Chair of that Committee. Nothing new to report.

House Plaques

None

Demo Delay

None reported.

New Business None

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, AUGUST 2, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Oliveira
Historical Commission Chairman