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Historical Commission
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Meeting Minutes from
October 26, 2020
Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Historical Commission members present: Lynn Lak (Chairman), Lorrie Willette, Wanda Mysona, Claudia Kadra, Cynthia Allen

Historical Commission members absent: Kathy Galford

Public: Stuart Beckley, Rebekkah DeCoursey

1. Administrative

- a) Approve minutes from September 28, 2020– **Motion** by Claudia Kadra to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Wanda Mysona. So voted 5/0/0.
- b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford will present a report next month.

2. Special Projects- Town Hall

- a) Cindy LaBombard's Portrait – a small group will meet on Veteran's Day to formally hand Cindy's portrait in the ticket booth in the Town Hall.
- b) Stairs – Lynn made a motion for the Historical Commission to contribute up to \$100 for work on the stairs. Lorrie seconded the motion. The rug will be torn up, and the stairs and railings will be painted the brown and belvidere cream paint colors. The plans will be run by Stuart and Anna Marques for comment.
- c) Curtain – It was agreed to table the matter of the curtain for the time being.
- d) Shades – the town will take care of the shades.

3. Old Business & Updates

- a) Stone Walls – Rebekkah DeCoursey will divide the town map up into sections for us to locate the stone walls around town. The walls will be highlighted on the map and simple notes will be taken. House numbers, parcels, roads and highways will be noted. Using blue highlighter and taking photos were suggested. Some of the benefits to people with the historic stone walls were discussed:
 1. Beauty to the town
 2. They are uniquely New England
 3. Increase property value
 4. Wildlife live in and around them
- b) Electrical Box- Lynn made a motion the Historical Commission contribute \$2,000. From the Nenamesek Square Restoration Fund to help purchase the box. Cynthia seconded. So voted 5/0/0. Lynn will speak to Mr. Piechota. She will recommend a black box, outside the fence, near the fir trees and trough. She will also ask if they can landscape around it.

- c) Hitchcock Building – little movement at this time.
4. New Business
- a) Comments and concerns from citizens – none.
 - b) Claudia discussed going online at the Western MA Historical Coalition to view an interesting discussion on trains.
 - c) PVPC-reviews
5. Adjourn – Motion by Claudia Kadra to adjourn. Seconded by Cynthia Allen. The next meeting will be November 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by
Lorrie Willette, Commission Secretary