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Historical Commission  
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Meeting Minutes from  
**September 28, 2020**  
Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Historical Commission members present:** Lynn Lak (Chairman), Lorrie Willette, Wanda Mysona, Claudia Kadra, Kathy Galford

**Historical Commission members absent:** Cynthia Allen

**Public:** Stuart Beckley, John Pichota, Denis Ouimette

1. Administrative

- a) Approve minutes from August 24, 2020 – Motion by Kathy Galford to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Claudia Kadra. So voted 5/0/0.
- b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford presented the report. She discussed payment for the bells. Motion by Wanda Mysona to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Claudia Kadra. So voted 5/0/0.

2. Special Projects-Town Hall

- a) Exterior-Stuart updated the Commission on the Town Hall grant. Masonry work will be done in the spring, but must be done by June 1. The tower will not be done at this time. MA Historic Commission is fine with the project.
- b) the DPW will patch the gutter hole.
- c) Stage Curtain-there appears to be three options:
  1. full restoration: \$250,000.
  2. encapsulation with a plastic barrier: \$200.
  3. full removal: \$20,000.Kathy has repeatedly called the Smithsonian about this; she will keep trying.
- d) Stairs- Building Inspector Anna Marques said we need at least one set of stairs going up to the stage...it was agreed two will look good. Suggested solutions to make the stairs look better would be to tear out the carpet and to build a better bannister.
- e) Bells- the electrical work is to begin; the bells should be ready by Veteran's Day.
- f) Sign- the sign will be ready shortly...around October.

3. Old Business & Updates

- a) Hitchcock Building-it is the owner's responsibility to take down the building. A notice will be sent to him. He called the Town Hall with a proposal for taking it down.
- b) Scenic By-Laws-MA Preservation put out a helpful video on stone walls. Town Planner Rebekkah Cornell has a map that will help us find them. It was suggested we split up the map among us and locate the walls.

4. New Business

a) Comments and concerns from citizens – none.

Denis Ouimette, from All Saint's Church came to talk about the 5 original Tiffany windows in the church. They are in need of repair, and he wanted suggestions on what they could do to get funds for the job. The church is not in the historic district. It was suggested the church could start a Go Fund Me campaign. Another idea was to go to Workshop 13 to see if someone there would be interested in helping.

b) Nenemeseck Square Conduit- John from the DPW came to discuss the conduit for the fountain. He would like to have the conduit taken out of the bank and place it outside. Different options were discussed, both costing about the same amount of money. The Nenemeseck Square funds may be able to contribute.

c) Kathy mentioned Mary Lou from Uniquely Quabbin is photographing old doors. She was wondering if the Historical Commission might know of some special doors for her photograph.

d) PVPC Reviews-none this month.

5. Mail & Announcements

6. Adjourn – Motion by Kathy Galford to adjourn. Seconded by Claudia Kadra. The next meeting will be November 23.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lorrie Willette, Commission Secretary