

Princeton Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting May 21, 2020; convened at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance (held remotely via webex): Larry Todd, Joyce Anderson, Matt Lindberg, Jane Morrisson, Carl Soderberg

Minutes of February 20, 2020: no action taken; reserved for next meeting

Town Pound:

Carl began the process of seeking an estimate for clearing a path for access to the town pound. However, progress was stymied by COVID-19. Members discussed the need to enter into an agreement prior to the end of the fiscal year, so that we do not lose the funds.

Matt will inquire whether COVID resulted in any extension to encumber funds.

The sign is still in storage.

Bagg Hall:

Work is progressing well. The crack at the back of the building has been repaired and new granite has been installed in the front of the building. The brick is being repointed.

Civil War Plaques:

Larry secured quotes for repairs to the damaged plaques at Bagg Hall. A Vermont company would hand carve both plaques for \$30,000 or would sand blast them for \$6,000. Hand carving would be more faithful to the original as it would result in the “v” carving. New plaques also could be reinforced to prevent future bowing. There was general agreement among the members that given current fiscal constraints, there likely would be little appetite for the type of expenditure required to reproduce the plaques at this time. In the meantime, the Commission will look into storage of the one that remains intact.

East Princeton side walks

There have been recent complaints from residents that mailboxes impede passage on the new sidewalks, possibly in violation of the ADA. Matt will investigate further.

Elections

By unanimous vote:

Matt Lindberg was elected chair

Carl Soderberg was elected vice chair

Larry Todd was elected clerk

Next meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM