

## **Princeton Historical Commission**

### **Minutes for August 25, 2020**

Attendees: Matthew Lindberg - chair, Carl Soderberg - vice-chair, Jane Morrisson, Larry Todd - clerk, Joyce Anderson, alternate

The meeting was held online and opened by Matt at 7:02pm.

A Motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from 7/23/20 as written.

Civil war plaques. The marble plaques were taken down from Bagg Hall and are presently on pallets awaiting a decision on storage. Karen Cruise asked Matt about them and Matt said the commission wanted them preserved. After discussion it was suggested Matt get back to Karen and suggest they be put in the cellar of Bagg Hall. Joyce suggested they be replaced with bronze plaques and asked Larry to help research possible suppliers and provide specs to help get an estimate of cost to provide to the town.

Town Pound: there were delays by the landscaper in getting the work done but they can start tomorrow. There is uncertainty about which year's budget the payment will fall into; Matt suggested we get the full project done. A motion was made and passed that if the encumbered funds are not available the commission will pay the cost from this year's budget. Carl will ask the landscaper to submit invoices as parts of the work are done.

East Princeton signs: Matt approved the change to the wording to include Historic; the signs will read "Welcome to Historic East Princeton Village" (the contractors needed a fast answer.) Joyce had a conversation with Gregg Oswitt and discussed the placement of the sign near the rotary.

Joyce asked if the existing historic district signs can be spruced up; cleaned and straightened ? Matt will ask. Also, could the sign near Gleason road be moved across the street ?

House plaques: Joyce has been approached by several people about house plaques and in one case checked and found the dates given by the owner were incorrect. The dates need to be researched and the commission is no longer doing this. She suggested the commission respond to requests and say the commission is unable to

do the necessary research at this time. Joyce does have an invoice for two signs and needs help in getting it submitted for payment.

Remote meetings: should the commission consider continuing with remote meetings when the town reverts to in person meetings ? To be considered when the time arrives.

Larry reported on the online presentation for Preservation Massachusetts by Jeff Howry on New England stone walls. Jeff is an advocate for protecting our stone walls and documenting them to aid in preservation. The Preservation Massachusetts website has a link to his presentation and many others they have sponsored.

The Princeton Historical commission is still looking for one regular member and one alternate member.

The next meeting will be held on-line on September 17 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Todd, clerk

