

## Princeton Historical Commission

April 28, 2022

Attendees: Matthew Lindberg - chair, Larry Todd - clerk, Tom Kokernak. Also attending from the open space committee, Susan Downing.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

The meeting minutes of 3/17/22 were approved as written.

**Civil War Plaques:** Larry gave an update: Bob at Leominster Monument has all the materials in hand needed to install the plaques and will notify Larry when he picks a date . Larry will let the commission know when this is and he plans to observe and document the process with photos.

Matt asked if we should plan some event to commemorate the new plaques, perhaps at Memorial Day. We will contact the town administrator about this once the plaques are up.

**Goodnow Park:** Susan Downing from the open space committee attended our meeting and said there seemed to be many groups in town interested in Goodnow park and she wanted to make our commission aware of the plans of her committee. The open space committee wants to promote use of the park. They would like to maintain several walking trails; the 4-½ acres of the park stretch from Mountain road on the East to route 62 on the West. The commission had no objections to their plans and encouraged their work.

Tom said he would do some research into the history of the park and try to determine if there were any restrictions with the gift of the land by Mr. Goodnow.

There was some general discussion about open space and Matt mentioned the abandoned road in East Princeton between Beaman road and route 140 and our interest in creating access along this road to the site of the old chair mill. Susan said open space has worked with DCR in the past and could perhaps help with this project.

**Pauper's Graves:** Tom did some research on the history of the poor farm in Princeton. There was a town group called the overseers of the poor who operated for many years and kept records on who was at the poor farm and the work they did to

pay for their keep. More to come.

**Town Pound:** Tom did submit an article with pictures to the town clerk for inclusion in the town news. We think Carl was going to have the access path to the pound worked on again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm; the next meeting (remote) is scheduled for Thursday, May 26 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Todd, clerk