

## Princeton Historical Commission

March 16, 2023

Attendees: Tom Kokernak - chair, Matthew Lindberg, Carl Soderberg - vice chair, Larry Todd - clerk, Gina Polewaczyk

Guest: Rosella Stromberg

Tom opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The meeting minutes of 2/16/23 were approved as written.

Tom reported that our budget is \$1500 and none of it has been spent. Later in the meeting we discussed using some of the money to print the civil war folders - any balance left after June 30 is returned to the town (unless it is encumbered).

**Civil war folder:** Carl shared his copy. The information is very clearly presented and could be a resource for the schools. Larry and Tom will double check the data presented and let Carl know if any changes need to be made. Gina said she will check with the Thomas Prince school to see if they could use the civil war folder in a class.

Tom introduced Rosella Stromberg who owns a historic home at 32 Wheeler road. She wants to protect the house as it now stands; they have done a lot of restoration work. She gave some history of the house. Tom suggested a deed restriction may be a way to preserve the property. The commission will try to update the house file data for her property.

Tom made a motion to recommend to the selectboard that Joyce Anderson be appointed as an alternate member. The motion was approved. We are unsure if we should have 1 or 2 alternate members; if someone has an interest we will consider adding a second alternate.

**House plaques:** Tom is working with Joyce to get a listing of all the properties which have house plaques. Tom asked Larry to send him the reference Larry found from a town that has a well documented procedure regarding historic house plaques.

**Stone fragments:** there are several groups of historic stone fragments, including the

pieces of the original civil war marble plaques and the fragments from Meetinghouse cemetery documented by Teddy Lindberg. There was discussion on what to do with them. Some of the fragments from the cemetery containing elements of carving that are quite beautiful and perhaps some of them could be put on display ?

Tom noted he submitted the 2022 annual report of the commission to the town.

Tom received an inquiry about the property at 21 Prospect street; they would like to paint the house black and were asking if there are any restrictions about the color of the house. We were unsure if this address is within the Princeton Center national historic district, but even if it is there are no restrictions attached to the district designation. It was suggested that neighbors may comment on this if they feel it is out of character with the area.

Tom needs to take over the administrative role on the video call which he can work out with Matt.

The next meeting (remote) is scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Todd, clerk