

Princeton Historical Commission
Minutes of meeting March 16, 2017

Members present: Joyce Anderson, Larry Todd, Matt Lindberg and Joe Lee
Guest: Teddy Lindberg, Brian Keevan, Mickey Splaine, Phylis Booth

Meeting called to order 7: 00 p.m.

Met with Brian Keevan, Chair of the Conservation Commission relative to a discussion about the Town Pound property off Mountain Road, near Meetinghouse cemetery. Brian proposes cleaning up the property in front of and around the stone pound to make it more visible and safe for the public. He proposes removing some very dangerous dead trees and brush removal inside and outside the pound area. The commission discussed possible contribution for a sign detailing the Town Pound. Joyce agreed to contact Mr. Leonard about the cost of a sign. Our group agreed to work together with the Conservation Commission to support the cleanup operation and signage proposal.

Discussion was held regarding the original location of the first Meetinghouse and sunset rock which are located on the property of James Camp on Mountain Road. Jim Camp has offered to have us come and visit anytime. Joyce suggested inviting the Historical Society members to join us. Joe suggested a time when the weather is warmer and the bugs are not yet out. May 4th was decided as a tentative date.

Teddy Lindberg presented us with his Eagle Scout project report. He showed us his final report and a discussion was had as to some changes to the report including a cover page identifying the author. It is intended that the report once completed would be placed in the Woodward Room in the library for future reference. Teddy agreed to return in the Spring to place the storage bins properly in the vaults and signed a contract to do so. Joe signed off on Teddy's Eagle Scout project. All thanked Teddy for a job well done and a very informative report..

A discussion was had regarding the excavation of the town tombs at Meetinghouse cemetery and to what extent it may impact the safety and integrity of the entrance to the cemetery. It was suggested that we need to involve Glen Lyons and the cemetery commission in the project. Further discussion was postponed until our next meeting.

Mickey Splaine, on behalf of the Road Advisory Committee requested our help with the Route 140 project in East Princeton. Items such as the historical character of the village, lighting, bridge façade and stone work along the abutting properties were areas of concern. Mickey requested that we write a letter of support for these specific items. Our Commission had previously discussed the lighting in detail and had proposed a historically similar light be used. Matt agreed to draft a letter to the Mass Highway Commission engineers for the project, so that we may pledge our support.

Next meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017 @ 7 p.m. at the annex.
Meeting was adjourned at 8: 40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Lee