

Princeton Historical Commission

Minutes of meeting: March 19, 2018

Members present: Krista Ferrante, Matt Lindberg, Phil Mighdoll, Carl Soderberg (alternate), Larry Todd (chair). Joyce Anderson was not in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 03 pm.

Minutes of 2/1 and 2/15 meeting were approved.

Facilities Planning Committee.

Larry and Carl attended the public meeting with JWA architects on 3/11. The Selectboard is considering several articles for the ATM. These encompass dealing with Bagg Hall and the Public Safety building.

- The Bagg Hall project would add to the rear of the building for an elevator and expanded vault.
- The Public Safety project would modify the current Princeton Center building, probably retaining the front façade.

They haven't yet decided if the warrant articles would cover the full scope or some maintenance or design-only tasks. These issues should be resolved at a subsequent meeting. Larry will copy the draft warrant articles to the PHC.

The following motion was passed, unanimously:

“The PHC will make a verbal statement at the ATM in support of any warrant article which is intended to restore and preserve these two historic buildings.”

Princeton Reconnaissance Report.

Larry passed out copies to those members who had not received one.

We all agreed that it contained very useful, albeit dated, information.

Hidden Treasures program.

Larry distributed some material related to the May 5 event.

- The statement submitted,
- A map of the cemetery,

- A list of those interred, and
- A list of possible questions for an exploration exercise.

We discussed these questions and felt that several of these might form the basis of an exploration. For example: “Find the stone of the oldest person”.

Carl suggested that a few copies of the map include the questions and answers (reverse side?) which could be presented to those who discover the correct answers. He will work on developing this concept.

Our plan will be firmed up at our next PHC meeting.

Western Massachusetts Historic Commissions

Larry attended a meeting of this group (name??) for a presentation on restoring old windows. He found it very instructive and wondered if the PHC had an interest or the resources to host such an educational event. This subject for discussion at a future meeting.

The PHC website.

Phil offered to help but has not received the CD from Joyce. The CD contains some historical pictures to be posted.

Election of PHC officers.

By consensus, we agreed that there should be an annual election of officers. For the next fiscal year we voted and unanimously approved the following slate:

- Chair - Larry Todd
- Vice Chair - Matt Lindberg
- Secretary -- Phil Mighdoll

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, 4/19 at 7 pm in the Annex.

Submitted by *Phil Mighdoll*