

MEDWAY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 18, 2013

Historical Society Building

7:30 p.m.

Confirmation of quorum: Jeanne Johnson, Gene Liscombe, Paul Russell, Mark Wilcox, Marian Pierre-Louis, Donna Hainey. Absent: None. Guests: Mark Landry

The Meeting began at 7:30pm

1. Minutes need to be approved by the HC: August 7, July 3 (ratify decisions made at that meeting per discussion at August 7 meeting), June 5, May 1, April 3, March 13, Feb. 13, Jan 9, December 12 (2012), Nov. 14 (2012), Oct. 10 (2012) (Some may have been approved and J.J. as secretary did not make a note of it.)

All minutes were approved as listed in the minutes. Motion made by Donna. Seconded by Mark. Motion approved.

2. Discuss membership appointments by BOS. Did Gene get appointed on August 19 as scheduled? Any Medway residents express interest in being appointed to fill the opening left when Rob went off the Commission?

Gene Liscombe was officially appointed September 3, 2013. Gene is now officially the commission CPC representative. Mark Landry has expressed desire to join the commission. He will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen expressing his interest.

3. Historic Markers Project for Rabbit Hill and Medway Village National Historic Districts--update.

Rob and Mark toured and photographed the locations. They verified the locations with a Medway Police Officer. All locations have been marked with a post in the ground. According to Jeff Smith they should be setting the posts in the ground soon. It is noted that the date on the Medway Village District signs are incorrect. The signs say 1988 and they should say 2010.

4. Update on status of 195 and 197 Main St. (Historic Cole Library and Torrent Firehouse)—certified letter sent in August to new owners Alex Benner and Marisol Molina approving their plan to paint. Any more requests from them?

No new updates or news on the Cole Library property.

Other business

Discussion of open meeting law and fear of intimidation by stake holders or others to commission members. The Commission seeks clarification about the open meeting law. Perhaps ask state commissioners at the Preservation Meeting on October 18. Mark Wilcox will send Jeff Roy an invitation to come speak to us on this topic. This is an ongoing discussion that the board will revisit.

Report from CPC Rep: Gene attended the August meeting. There was no meeting in September. They discussed funds for getting a valuation done on the land behind the Swan property which is fronted on Winthrop Street but which goes back to Lovering Street. The CPC didn't take a vote on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for October 16 (as approved at August meeting), 2013 at 7:30pm. Historic Society Building, 223 Main Street, Medway, MA 02053

Call Jeanne Johnson, 508-533-4461 with questions or for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Pierre-Louis, Secretary