

# **Medway Historical Commission**

Medway Historical Society, 223 Main Street

January 9, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

**Confirmation of quorum:** Rob Pomponio, Jeanne Johnson, Grace Hoag, Mark Wilcox, Marian Pierre-Louis, Paul Russell, Donna Hainey (all members were present tonight)

**Guests:** Kent Scott; students: Ben Mahanna, Steve Richards, Jake Piascik

**CTO:** 7:30 p.m.

1. Lore and Ghost Stories of Medway (Medway 300<sup>th</sup> Documentary). The students are interviewing us tonight to record our old ghost stories from the town. Marian had one story that Mary Jane White told her about Fran Donovan's house; Jeanne had one from her husband's boyhood days; Rob had one about his house that the previous owners wrote down for him about Michael Martin, a highwayman and horse thief who took up with a gang who robbed travelers. Marian told the students that Mary Jane White, town clerk, has many old ghost stories. Mark had earlier told them a story of the Hog Pond ghost.

2. Notice of Intent to demolish the house 102 Winthrop Street. Our response is that Rob will send an e-mail to John Emidy (BI) and MJ White (TC) stating that the form isn't completely filled out and there is no address to respond to, and Mr. Wickett isn't the owner, Mrs. Swan is. No action taken.

3. ATM warrant is open to receive articles. Discuss at next meeting.

4. Annual Town Report is due Feb. 28.

5. Review of letter sent to the Town Administrator for the Bond Counsel regarding the Historical Significance of the Thayer Property at 2B Oak Street. Rob and the TA have exchanged several e-mails today regarding this subject. Suzanne, TA, wants the HC to take a vote tonight on the historical significance, but Rob does not want to do that and risk creating a legal quandary because the original vote was taken in 2003 that the property was historic. Marian reminded us that we have a preliminary determination from the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the property should, indeed, qualify for the National Historic Register once the final documentation is prepared.

6. Mark has a \$14,920 bill submitted for pmt of Historic Markers, which are being stored by the town until they are installed in the spring. Rob will send the bill to the town accountant for payment. We voted unanimously to pay this bill.

7. Bill for Kai's work at Evergreen Cemetery will be paid this month.

8. Decision on delay for 15 Barber Street. The HC voted 3-2 to invoke the delay last month. A couple of members have received calls from the realtor (Gary Berset) asking what the decision was, how various members voted, and implying we are heartless, have no feelings for homeowners, etc.

Next meeting: Feb. 13 (Ash Wednesday)