

**Medway Historical Commission**  
**No quorum; no official meeting**  
Historical Society Building, 223 Main St., Medway  
**Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m. –**  
Notes of our conversation

1. 7:30 pm Confirmation of quorum and Call-to-order: Gene Liscomb, Paul Russell, Jeanne Johnson. Guest (interested in being appointed to H.C.): Bruce Hamblin

2. In the mail: Stone Mill (discussed below); letter from Mass Hist. Commission announcing beginning of FY 2017 Survey and Planning Grant Cycle; letter from David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist with American Ancestors, NE Historic Genealogical Society, requesting an update on information about Medway's cemeteries; Budget Reconciliation Form from the town accountant—we now have a budget of \$200. Nothing has been spent since our budget was restored. Note from resident Bruce W. Hamblin indicating his interest in being appointed to the HC as we have 3 vacancies. He was present at tonight's meeting and says he attended a few meetings many years ago but was never a member of this commission.

3. **Minutes** – October not done yet

4. **Demolition** applications, dated Oct. 26: 176 Main (commercial building just a few feet away from Rabbit Hill Historic District) The owner plans to build condominium units on the site. This is the site of the old Lampman's Drug Store. The present building isn't historic and appears to have been built within the last 50 or 60 years. This commission doesn't need to take a position on its demolition. Jeanne will notify the applicant/owner, Steven Sebor, the building inspector, and the town clerk of this.

4. **CPC** report:

5. **Project Updates**

A. Paul—document preservation project –

B. Evergreen Cemetery –Historic Preservation status

C. Facebook page—16 members as of today (Dec. 7). Please post relevant items.

Invite friends. Many thanks to Paul for regular posts.

D. Recruiting new members for this commission Bruce Hamblin has asked the BOS to appoint him.

E. House plaques – discussed

F. Marker for six Civil War veterans' graves in Section A at Oakland Cemetery. Jeanne located the site, with Mark Wilcox's help, in Section A, and took photos. What kind of marker was there previously? Paul had also been to the cemetery and took photos. He made copies of cemetery maps and gave us each a 7-page printout of these maps. The maps, a project of the WPA, include a legend of where Civil War veterans are buried; there are a few names of WW I veterans, also. Paul wants to work on this project after he has finished others he's working on.

6. **Other business**

A. Stone Mill owner is trying to have the mill nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an individual property. His representative, Rita Walsh, sent us a copy of the application (Form A) and about 30 pictures to the Historical Commission and asked if we have any further information or pictures that might support their application. Jeanne and Paul have responded to her by e-mail; Paul sent several old photos, for which she was most grateful.

B. IDEAS---Any updates of these ideas for projects using CPA funds; does anyone want to head these up? This is a repeat of item from the past several agendas/meetings—J.J.

Historic records preservation (many more need to be done in addition to those we are having done now)

Site Markers:

Coffey house,

Garnsey house foundation

Restore Garnsey house foundation?

Clean portrait of Sanford that hangs in Sanford Hall

Make booklet of historic items at our cemeteries

Make an architectural model of the original town hall

Create a book of pictures printed from Medway's collection of about 150 glass mages.

Boston Post Cane—

An article was published in the Milford News giving some history of the cane and inquiring if anyone knows where Medway's is located now?

Get a replica made if it's not found; keep at Town Hall and photograph Medway's oldest resident with it each year. Paul posted an article about the cane a few days ago on our Facebook page.

C. Is anyone pursuing this? Fire Dept might be looking for a home for their **antique hose wagon**. Suggested perhaps loan it to Millis – Niagara Building, where they had a replica hose tower installed last year??

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7 at 7:30pm, Historical Society Building, 223 Main Street, Medway, MA 02053 Call Jeanne Johnson, 508-533-4461 with questions or for further information.

These notes prepared by Jeanne Johnson.