

Medway Historical Commission
MEETING AGENDA and NOTES
Senior Center, Oakland St., Medway

Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

NOTE from Jeanne: We were unable to hold an official meeting as there wasn't a quorum. We did discuss the items on this agenda.

1. 7:30 pm Confirmation of quorum and Call-to-order: Gene Liscomb, Paul Russell, Jeanne Johnson, ~~Alex Burinskiy~~; ~~Chuck Waldron~~, visitor (?), ~~Matt Hayes~~ (liaison to HC from Planning & Economic Development Board—PEDB)
2. Mark Wilcox has resigned from the H.C.
3. **Minutes** – none ready
4. **Demolition** applications: none as of today
5. **CPC** report: Gene said the Committee hasn't met during the summer.
The first meeting of the Park Improvement Committee is scheduled Sept. 12. Alex is our representative to that committee.

6. Updates

- A. Paul—document preservation project –
- B. Evergreen Cemetery –Historic Preservation status?
- C. Facebook page—11 members as of today; we are slowly growing. Please post relevant items. Invite friends.
- D. Recruit new members for this commission
- E. House plaques – we should consult with Design Review Committee before getting too far with this project.
- F. Marker for Civil War vets' graves at Oakland Cemetery.

6. Other business

- A. Any updates of these ideas for projects using CPA funds; does anyone want to head these up?
 - 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 images.
 - Boston Post Cane—get a replica made; keep at Town Hall
- B. Fire Dept is 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??

7. New Topic

Stone bridge built centuries ago by early Medway inhabitants across Charles River so they could walk across to hunting area? Rumors?? Possible “bridge” now visible from Riverview Road due to drought and extremely low water level. Brought to Jeanne’s attention by resident Scott Guyette. Grace Hoag contacted author Ron McAdow, who wrote a book about the Charles River, and he had never heard of this.

8. We briefly discussed a letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer Brona Simon (who also has numerous other titles) regarding the **proposed Algonquin Gas** Transmission Project (Spectra Energy Partners) in Massachusetts. Jeanne has the packet of notes and maps concerning this project, which were sent to us last May.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 5, 2016 at 7:30pm, Historical Society Building, 223 Main Street, Medway, MA 02053 Call Jeanne Johnson, 508-533-4461 with questions or for further information.