

**Medway Historical Commission**  
**Minutes**  
Historical Society Building, 223 Main St., Medway

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

1. 7:40 pm Confirmation of quorum and Call-to-order: Gene Liscomb, Paul Russell, Jeanne Johnson  
Alex Burinskiy

2. **Minutes** of April meeting were read, two corrections made, and accepted. Paul moved, Gene seconded the motion.

3. **No applications for demolition** had been received as of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

4 **CPC** report: Gene reported that they have been meeting weekly as many issues are on the table.

- \* Affordable Housing is working on getting the Cutler Street project going (the old Legion Hall). They need more land and wonder if the adjacent Evergreen Cemetery could give up some of its property (doubtful, as they are also running out of space for burials).

- \* They plan to have a booth at Medway Pride Day. We suggested that we make a poster to display at their booth or at the Historical Society Booth advertising that we need members on the H.C. Jeanne will do this.

- \* The bill for flagpoles at Matondi Square was \$4,050, to be paid with CPC funds.

- \* Restoration/renovations at town parks, including the desire for a "Splash Park" at Choate Park. The Town Administrator suggested to the Board of Selectmen that a steering committee be established to study this project, and he would like the Historical Commission to have a representative on it. Alex volunteered to do it if this comes about and if their meeting time agrees with his schedule.

5. Updates: Paul's two projects (document preservation and cemetery work) are on hold until after the Annual Town Meeting and until we meet with Evergreen Trustee George Lee.

6. Other business: we agreed that these are goals we will continue to work on in 2016

1. Evergreen Cemetery—work on nomination to National Register

2. Preservation of records—Paul is handling this

3. Recruit members—Jeanne will make a little poster to put up at the Historical Society Booth or the CPC Booth at Medway Pride Day.

4. Facebook page—Jeanne volunteered to set this up

5. House plaques—we should all look at the "Historic Marker Application" that Worcester uses and modify it, or something similar, for use by Medway residents who own historic houses. This must include a history of the house which should be submitted by the applicant. Alex suggested looking for sign makers. Decide on the material that should be used (Wood? Plastic? Some kind of composite material?). Decide what we want them to look like. Get prices. Decide on which companies to suggest for homeowners to purchase their signs after they submit their forms and the Historical Commission approves their applications. Alex offered to locate some sign makers and to build a form on his computer.

6. Other business

We received a packet from the Norfolk County Registrar of Deeds about their massive project of transcribing old hand-written land records to make them more available to the public. This is being accomplished through a state technology grant in collaboration with Xerox.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Gene moved, Alex seconded.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016 at 7:30pm, Historical Society Building, 223 Main Street, Medway, MA 02053

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