

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission of November 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Peabody Historical Commission (PHC) was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Smith Barn, Felton St., Peabody. Present were Commissioners: John Andruszkiewicz, Michael Bonfanti, Jeff Budd, Dave Cronin, Frank Hardy, Andy Metropolis and Cheryl Millard. Absent: Carolina Busta and Deborah Eskenazi.

Also present were: Laure & James Pica, 182 Lynn St. and Candace Tobin

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael Bonfanti.

Chairman's Remarks: 1) Mike spoke to the Boy Scouts – they are interested in doing some more cleanups; 2) He is hoping the MRI property developer will maintain the Felton Cemetery on Prospect St. Cheryl is going to contact him; 3) Curt is going to call the state about the Proctor Tomb and ask them to clean it up.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Minutes: Upon **Motion**, duly made by Dave Cronin, seconded by Cheryl Millard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2021. Motion passed: unanimous.

Committee Reports: 16 Crowninshield St: The new sign has been installed & is bigger. We will continue to push for benches.

Old Business: Historic District & Signage: The Mayor went out with DPW and installed four signs himself. They are larger than the older signs and more visible. Cheryl would like to add three specs of the house signs to the brochure and website. There was also a discussion about sending homeowners a letter explaining that they're in a historic district and what the guidelines are.

Cemeteries – Signage, Sponsorship & Statuses: 1) Jeff and Mike have installed five more and have another ten. They will do the New Russell Cemetery next year. There are thoughts that this cemetery was relocated to Middleton but the stones, which may have been destroyed in the 1970s, are still there in pieces. Mike & Jeff installed the sign at the Flint Cemetery (behind the Big Pig). A gentleman from Peterson's Auto came out and spoke to them. He remembers there being three cemeteries: Flint, Moulton & Gibbs. The Gibbs is long-gone. 2) Frank is going to call Puritan Lawn and ask if they are going to continue maintaining the three cemeteries they've been maintaining. 3) Mike would like to reach out to businesses and see if they will sponsor and maintain a cemetery. 4) Jeff discussed with Cheryl going with her to take pictures of all of the cemeteries to keep an archive of them and their current conditions. He doesn't think it's a good idea for her to go along so they will make plans in the spring.

Status of Old South Burial Ground: They found some more old stones that need to be cleaned and repaired. We may ask the CPC for additional funding.

Sutton House Marker: The Board was apprehensive but Cheryl explained that they are in a historical district and have to follow the guidelines, whether they have a sign or not. They're looking for a spot now to hang it.

New Business: 20A Franklin St: Pat Todisco is doing as he promised.

67 Margin: Reviewed plans. It looks as if the front will look original again. The Board will email the Building Inspector's office and let them know that after careful review of these plans, the consensus is to approve them.

182 Lynn St: Jim & Laura Pica have been working on the property. It is a family home which they will be renting out. They tried to look into wood clapboarding and wood windows but costs are prohibitive. Currently, the upper floor is

vinyl, the lower is wood. They will be using concrete Hardy board and aluminum Pella windows. Mike stated that they did their due diligence, looked into all of their options and have held up their repairs for this board. The Board will email the Building Inspector's office and let them know that after careful review of these plans, the consensus is to approve them.

23 Lynn: The commission has reviewed their plans and will email the Building Inspector's office and let them know that after careful review, the consensus is to approve them.

Military Exhibit: This will be open to the public soon.

Upton House: Mr. O'Donnell is in Florida and trying to find funding from Upton relatives to save the house. The Historical Society doesn't have the manpower right now to help find funding or help apply for National Register designation.

October 27, 2021 Meeting with the Mayor: He is willing to step up and help any way he can, even installing the historic district signs with DPW.

Remarks by Commissioners:

John Andruszkiewicz: Nothing to add.

Jeff Budd: Spoke to Cheryl about capturing cemeteries for geo-tagging. There are three that need to be located too: Upton Cemetery on Peterson Rd., Flint and Larrabee Terr.

Lola Busta: Absent

Dave Cronin: Nothing to add.

Debby Eskenazi: Absent

Frank Hardy: Nothing to add.

Dianne Marchese: Nothing to add.

Andy Metropolis: Nothing to add.

Cheryl Millard: Nothing to add.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date is scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Smith Barn.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by John Andruszkiewicz, seconded by Dave Cronin. Motion passed: unanimous.