

MINUTES
LANCASTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION
December 18, 2018

A meeting of the Lancaster Historical Commission (LHC) was held on Monday, December 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the LHC office on the top floor of the Prescott Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Brown, Marcia Jakubowicz, Heather Lennon, Jay Moody, Joy Peach, Joan Richards, Mark Schryver, Michael Sczerzen, and Jean Watson

ABSENT: Karen Silverthorn

CALL TO ORDER:

Heather Lennon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the minutes of the October 29, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Marcia Jakubowicz, and seconded by Jean Watson.

NETFLIX GAZEBO:

The gazebo was on the Board of Selectmen (BOS) agenda for their meeting of December 3, 2018. After three members of the LHC made several points supporting the view that the gazebo would be best placed elsewhere, the BOS voted unanimously to keep it on the Green but in a different spot to be determined at a later time. A file regarding this issue is available in the LHC office.

NEW TOWN PLANNER:

The new town planner, Michael Antonellis, has been approved by the BOS. He is scheduled to begin work on January 2, 2019.

CAPITAL FUND SUBMITTAL:

Heather Lennon reported that the necessary paperwork for the hazardous tree removal project (started in 2018) has been submitted to the Town Administrator (TA) per his request.

GOODRIDGE BROOK PROPOSED 40B DEVELOPMENT:

Heather Lennon gave some updates on the meetings being held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The size of the project remains in flux and numerous town residents have serious concerns regarding the impact on Lancaster. Victoria Petracca of the residents group, "Stop the Behemoth", has more complete information regarding this issue.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR MONUMENT DEDICATION SERVICE:

Heather Lennon reported that the service went well and according to plan. Due to the cold weather, after the monument unveiling at the Middle Cemetery (MC), the event was continued at the Thayer Performing Art Center (TPAC). Representative Harold Naughton, Jr. who is a veteran was the main speaker followed by active duty Captain Marcus Larkin, a direct descendant from two of the Revolutionary War heroes from Lancaster. Senator Dean Tran was also in attendance. The Stow Minutemen played fifes and drums and the Boxborough Minutemen fired a volley. Jay Moody, an LHS member and a member of the Boxborough Minutemen, participated in the event. Approximately sixty people were in attendance.

FINANCE:

Joan Richards brought forward items needing approval for payment:

1. Membership dues for AALHS and Freedom's Way. (in the budget)
2. Carpentry work done by Dick Belanger for display and storage needs - \$175.00 (from the LHC gift fund).
3. The Past Perfect online support fee will henceforward be included in the IT budget under John DiTommaso.

Joan Richards moved that these payments be approved. The motion was seconded by Marcia Jakubowicz and it carried unanimously.

HALLOWEEN ON THE GREEN:

Forty crocheted ghost ornaments made by Joy Peach were given away as well as a supply of an early edition of the Lancaster Coloring Books. Candy was also handed out. The LHC will decide at a later time whether to participate next year.

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP):

A "Disaster Plan" template has been received and will be completed as time allows. Once this component is finished, the CMP will be complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joan Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. It was seconded by Michael Sczerzen, a vote was called for, and it carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the LHC office in the Prescott Building.

Note: The LHC did not meet in November, 2018 due to a posting error.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Richards, Meeting Recorder