

**MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
April 29, 2019**

A meeting of the Lancaster Historical Commission (LHC) was held on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the LHC office on the upper level of the Prescott Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcia Jakubowicz, Heather Lennon, Jay Moody, Joy Peach, Joan Richards, and Mark Schryver

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Brown, Michael Sczerzen, Karen Silverthorn, Jean Watson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The meeting minutes March 25, 2019 were read and approved unanimously as written on a motion made by Mark Schryver and seconded by Jay Moody.

**GOODRIDGE BROOK 40B PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Joan Richards reported that Martha Remington of the Bolton Historical Commission called her and was very concerned that the spelling of the proposed development is ***“Goodridge Brook”***. There is no Goodridge Brook in Lancaster – ***the brook is “Goodrich”***. Since the developer submitted ***the name spelled incorrectly***, it must remain that way. Ms. Remington also spoke with the Planning Office and Town Administrator regarding this matter. It was the consensus of the LHC that this error be noted in the minutes.

2. Heather Lennon and Jay Moody reported that they had attended the April Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Hearing. Environmental, water, sewer and safety issues are still serious concerns. Hazardous chemicals stored at Bestway of New England (which is next to the proposed building site) were discussed by Victoria Petracca and Federal OSHA guideline sheets were presented to the ZBA. One member stated that if a disaster were to occur, the town would not be prepared to deal with it effectively. The ZBA and the developer agreed to a June 7<sup>th</sup> date for the ZBA’s decision related to the developer’s application.

**679 GEORGE HILL ROAD:**

Heather Lennon reported that she is still in communication with the real estate agent handling the sale of this property and that there is no information available on the potential buyer(s). She will continue to follow this matter.

**THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECONCILIATION LIST:**

Heather Lennon reported the Library Trustees’ chairperson Emily Rose and member Steve Piazza would gather up the items and return them soon.

**EXHIBIT ROOM AND HOSMER DOLLHOUSE PROJECT:**

Marcia Jakubowicz gave an update on purchases she has made and will pursue an issue with the delivery of a missing item with the company she has used in the past. Joan Richards volunteered to help her to obtain an answer.

**PROJECT FOOTSTONE:**

Marcia Jakubowicz said she has not been able to get into the Middle Cemetery (MC) due to inclement weather. Heather Lennon reported that a new volunteer has come forward to help with proper cleaning of the MC stones. This has been arranged with the approval of Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Kevin Bartlett. According to Larrie Knoll of the Cemetery Department, prisoner help has been limited this spring. However, the Worcester County Sheriff's Department has provided a few prisoner crews for a few hours for cemetery clean-up.

**ROWLANDSON ROCK AND TOWN POUND PROJECTS:**

Heather Lennon reported that Nolan Stocker and his mother visited the office recently with paperwork to be signed for the Rowlandson Rock and Town Pound Eagle Scout project. As part of the project, Nolan will get the Town Pound sign repaired. A replacement sign for the damaged one at Rowlandson Rock will also be investigated. That sign has been there since 2003 and is in poor condition.

**COLLECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN – DISASTER COMPONENT:**

No report given.

**LHC MEMBER RESIGNATION:**

Joan Richards reported that Michael Sczerzen has given a verbal resignation from the LHC since he has sold his property and no longer lives in Lancaster. Joan Richards made a motion to accept, with regret, Michael's resignation. Joy Peach seconded the motion, a vote was called for and it carried unanimously. Discussion followed and Joan mentioned that Michael has served since 1995 and was elected LHC Chairman in 1999. Members expressed thanks for his leadership and service. Michael will submit his written letter of resignation to the Board of Selectmen (BOS).

**SENIOR TAX ABATEMENT WORKER:**

Heather Lennon reported that Marilyn Chambers, who has been a Senior Tax Abatement Worker for many years, has had health issues over the last few months and will no longer be able to continue. The LHC will send Marilyn a thank you letter for her service and wish her well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next meeting date of the LHC is scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the LHC Office.
2. The LHC office will be open by appointment only during the months of June and July and no meetings will be held unless necessary as unforeseen circumstances may require. Postings and a phone message will reflect this temporary change. Regular hours and meeting schedules will resume in August.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was by made by Marcia Jakubowicz at 7:35 pm. Joan Richards seconded the motion, a vote was called for and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Richards, Recorder for the meeting.