

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**June 24, 2019**

A meeting of the Lancaster Historical Commission (LHC) was held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in the LHC office on the upper level of the Prescott Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Lennon, Joy Peach, Joan Richards, and Mark Schryver

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Brown, Marcia Jakubowicz, Karen Silverthorn, Liz Colley, and Jean Watson

**GUEST:** Jay Moody

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Heather Lennon called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

The minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously on a motion made by Joy Peach and seconded by Joan Richards.

**GOODRICH BROOK – 40B PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

Heather Lennon reported that she had attended the recent ZBA meeting. Guest Jay Moody had also attended. Public comment was not allowed but attendees could observe and listen to deliberations. Concerns still involve the safety of those who would be living in close proximity to a facility using hazardous chemicals. This proximity raises questions regarding environmental justice. Also, there would be a negative impact on the natural habitat of the area. The proposed developer continues to fall short of adequately addressing these issues.

Also, from listening to discussion among the chair and members, it seems apparent there was a misunderstanding regarding the grant to encourage business development with the previous expansion of the sewer lines. The upgrades were done with *business development* in mind. The addition of a huge 40B project was not in any plan at the time.

**HAWTHORN HILL ESTATE:**

Heather Lennon reported she has had another visit to the site to take pictures. There is no further word regarding the progress of the sale. Joan Richards mentioned there have recently been agenda items listed with the different boards of the town regarding this property.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – UPDATE:**

The vacancy created by the resignation of Jay Moody has not yet been filled. The LHC recommended that associate member Amy Brown be appointed as a full member. Heather Lennon will convey this recommendation to the BOS. Several other members will also need to be re-appointed and sworn in.

**TOWN GREEN –UPDATE:**

Heather Lennon reported that she had requested and received an itemized listing of expenses for the moving of the Netflix movie prop gazebo from one location on the Town Green to another, closer to the highway. The move took place on the Memorial Day week-end, specifically on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

**PROPOSED LUNENBURG RD. (RTE. 70) DEVELOPMENT -- CAPITAL COMMERCE GROUP:**

After discussion, LHC members agreed that a letter of comment suggesting that part of the housing in the project include some for potential "55 Plus" residents be submitted to town officials. This would add tax revenue to the town and would not burden the school system.

**EXHIBIT ROOM AND HOSMER DOLLHOUSE PROJECT:**

Heather Lennon reported that a new display case, funded through a generous donation to the Lancaster Historical Society, has been received and installed in the Exhibit Room.

**PROJECT FOOTSTONE:**

No report given.

**ROWLANDSON ROCK AND TOWN POUND EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

Boy Scout Nolan Stocker, who is heading up this project, has organized a clean-up day at both sites and they both are looking very good. New signage is being prepared for the Rowlandson Rock site and sign repair for the Town Pound sign is being addressed. DPW Superintendent Kevin Bartlett has provided some blacktop filler to be used on a pathway to the Rowlandson site. Newspaper coverage will be in order when the projects are finished. Joan Richards suggested that perhaps the Boy Scouts could assist with more LHC projects in the future.

**MARKERS AND SIGNS PROJECT(S):**

Heather Lennon reported that an authorized volunteer is doing soft cleaning of stone markers in the Middle Cemetery (MC). It will be several months before any results can be seen.

**COLLECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN – DISASTER COMPONENT:**

No report given.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The LHC office will be open by appointment only in June and July. The next LHC meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the LHC Office in the Prescott Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by made by Joy Peach and seconded by Joan Richards. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Richards, Recorder for the meeting.