

Shutesbury Historical Commission
Minutes – 6/28/23
(approved 8/30/23)
Virtual Meeting

Meeting start: 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Henry Geddes (Chair), Miriam DeFant, Janice Stone, Bert Fernandez, Matteo Pangallo

Commissioners Absent: Karen Czerwonka

Others Present: Joan Hanson

Approve minutes:

3/29/23:

Geddes moved to approve the 3/29/23 minutes as written. Pangallo seconded. Geddes: aye. DeFant: aye. Fernandez: abstains. Stone: aye. Pangallo: aye. So moved.

4/26/23: Geddes moved to approve 4/26/23 minutes as written. Fernandez seconded. Roll Call: DeFant: aye. Fernandez: aye. Geddes: aye. Pangallo: aye. Stone: aye. So moved.

Guideboard Restoration Project:

SHC approved invoice from Williamstown Art Conservation Center. An assessment was received. Assessment provides two avenues for restoration but did not include treatment for top of structure, one option is much more affordable. Commission generally agreed that the less expensive approach was preferable. Recommendation also includes constructing a protective shelter, like a gazebo or other roof structure for the Guideboard to shield it from weather conditions. Decisions need to be made about what type of top restoration is desired. DeFant will reach out to the conservator for more information. There may be ways to reduce costs by having volunteers do the transportation. The structure would need to be insured by the Town per the requirement of Williamstown Art Conservation Center. Topic needs to be brought to the Select Board.

West School House Cleanup: SHC cleaned up interior recently. Some rot was detected, and an evaluation needs to be conducted. Geddes has pictures to distribute. Building Committee has been invited to assist in an evaluation. Need to set up a site visit with Building Committee. Repairs would need to be approved by SHC and might require approval from Massachusetts Historical Commission. Fernandez plans to set up some mouse traps. Hanson: Friends of SHC is donating \$1500 for the West School House. Leadership of FSHC is retiring and they plan to allocate some funds for SHC projects. Looking for a new President, Secretary, and Treasurer. DeFant and Stone are interested in assisting the Friends.

SHC Membership Discussion: The Commission has one vacancy. Geddes moved to authorize DeFant to post a notice of the vacancies. Stone seconded. Roll Call: DeFant: aye. Fernandez: aye. Geddes: aye. Pangallo: aye. Stone: aye. So moved.

Zoom call interrupted before Commission could adjourn.

Next meeting date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Miriam DeFant, Secretary, 8/21/23

Documents Used:

Agenda

Draft minutes for 3/29/23, 4/26/23

Williamstown Art Conservation Center Assessment of Guideboard