

**Shutesbury Historical Commission**  
**Minutes – 10/25/23**  
**(approved 05/22/24)**  
*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting start:** 7:12 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Leslie Bracebridge (Associate Commissioner), Bob Groves

**Approve 8/30/23 minutes:**

**DeFant moved to approve the 8/30/23 minutes as edited. Geddes seconded. Geddes: aye. DeFant: aye. Pangallo: aye. Czerwonka: aye. *So moved.***

**Guideboard Restoration Project Update**

Discussed concerns raised by Town Counsel regarding language in the standard contract with the Williamstown Art Conservation Center (WACC) More information is needed regarding alternative language regarding liability. DeFant will coordinate with WACC and the Town to come up with a workable agreement so that project can move forward. Groves has done many projects as a contractor; he feels this restoration project is small and that proposal from WACC is excessive; he did the repairs on the structure in 2009; feels it would have survived better if there had been routine painting; feels the costs of the project is excessive. Groves expressed an interest in the project. DeFant had sought a bid from Groves earlier in the process, but he was unable to provide one. WACC has provided recommendations for how to safely transport the structure on a truck. Groves was able to move it in the past with four helpers. The structure can be wrapped and braced for protection during the relocation to a site where the repairs will take place. Volunteers and access to a truck will be needed. The SHC will solicit volunteers publicly. Goal is still to arrange for the structure to be moved before winter sets in. Site visit scheduled for 10/30 at 11 am with Bob Groves.

**West School House Repairs:**

Geddes visited building today with Stephen Dallmus (Building Committee) and Russ Wilson, a local contractor. They estimated the repairs might cost \$2,200. Rotting beams have been identified that may require reconsolidation with epoxy. SHC needs to develop a scope and get bids. Geddes and Fernandez will work on writing up the Scope for SHC approval.

Next meeting is Monday, November 13, 7.p.m.

**Pangallo moved to adjourn. Czerwonka seconded. DeFant: aye; Czerwonka: aye; Geddes: aye; Pangallo: aye. *So moved.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Documents Used:

- Agenda
- Guideboard assessment by Williamstown Art Conservation Center

*Respectfully submitted by Miriam DeFant, Secretary*