

**Shutesbury Historical Commission**  
**Minutes – 11/13/23**  
**(approved 05/22/24)**  
*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting start:** 7:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Henry Geddes (Chair), Janice Stone, Matteo Pangallo, Karen Czerwonka (7:15)

**Commissioners Absent:** Miriam DeFant, Bert Fernandez

**Others Present:** Leslie Bracebridge (Associate Commissioner)

**Guideboard Restoration Project Update:** Geddes asked if the insurance information in the newly revised document was the same or has it been changed? Pangallo said he received a signed copy of the Guideboard contract from Torres, so the insurance questions (items 3 & 5) have been resolved. He will check with Torres to confirm. Then the SHC can proceed with the next step, getting the Guideboard to Williamstown. Commission discussed finding a truck and getting it done before the weather gets worse. Czerwonka asked if a price had been settled on. Pangallo replied yes, for the recommended Option 2, \$17,312.

**Update on West School House Repairs:** Geddes shared the Scope of Work put together by him and Fernandez after meeting with Steve Dallmus and Russ Wilson. Neither of those people are interested in doing the work. Estimate is \$2500-\$4500, depending on the extent of damage, which we won't know until someone starts the work. Bob Groves also looked at it, but has not provided an estimate for this work or the Guideboard. Scope of Work says "not subject to competitive bid requirements", check with Torres. In the meantime, the advisors have recommended removing the lightning copper cable that sends the water from the roof down to that corner of the building foundation. They suggest there are enough trees around the building that the lightning cable is not needed. Does the vendor need liability for this work? Geddes will check with Groves or Town Building Committee. Friends of Shutesbury Historical Commission have given the SHC \$1500 for repairs to this building. Where is rest of money coming from?

**Approve minutes:** Minutes for 10/4/23 reviewed with one minor amendment (Add WACC after name in first section). Geddes made a motion to accept these minutes, as discussed and amended. Seconded by Pangallo. All voted in favor. Minutes for 10/25/23. Commissioners agreed to hold off on these until a fourth member who was present at the meeting is present to vote on them.

**Unanticipated business:** Bracebridge told the Commission that Mark Ellis, the minister of the Shutesbury church, found a stack of old Grange records (from 1930s-1940s). The Grange met in the church. They are writing a history of the Church. The Historical Commission does not have any of these records. Bracebridge asked the Commission for permission to scan the documents for the Historical Commission closet files. Commission agreed.

Short discussion on considering putting together an application to put the West Schoolhouse on the MA Historic Register. It will require permission from the Selectboard since the Town owns the building. Geddes & Stone also interested in the 1829 Town Hall.

Next meeting is December 13, 7.p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Janice Stone*