

Shutesbury Historical Commission

Minutes – 3/13/24

(approved 05/22/24)

Virtual Meeting

Meeting start: 7:05 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Karen Czerwonka

Others Present: Mary Lou Conca

Public Comment

None at this time.

Review & approve previous meeting minutes

There is still a question on whether the Commission can approve previous minutes with 3 votes, if only 3 of the 4 people present at that meeting are still on the Commission. Geddes will check with Town Clerk.

Minutes for 2/12/24. All 4 Commissioners present at that meeting are present tonight, so it can be voted on. Pangallo made the motion, seconded by Fernandez, to accept the minutes as presented. Approved by Fernandez, Geddes, Pangallo and Stone.

Minutes for other meetings will be checked for status and Commissioners still present.

Update on Commissioner

Conca gave an update on Commissioner Czerwonka. She is undergoing rehabilitation. Commissioners told Conca to tell her they will be waiting to hear from her when she is ready to return.

Town Guide Board update

Pangallo told the Commission that he checked in with the Williamstown Art Conservation Center. They said it will probably be 2-3weeks before the Guide Board will be ready to be inspected, and then a few weeks after that before the Commission gets a report on what is needed.

Fernandez reported on his attempts to contact Steve Sullivan, Highway Chief, about any concerns with the plans for the open gazebo being planned to protect the Guide Board on the Common. He tried calling, and emailed him the proposed plans, but has not gotten a response in about a month's time. Stone said she would try getting in touch with him. Commissioners also discussed passing the design plans on to the police, to see if they have any public safety concerns for vehicle visibility at that intersection. The Guide Board and gazebo will be set back 6' further than it has been located, which is probably enough to eliminate any traffic visibility concerns. Fernandez will send a copy of the plans to the town police as well.

Membership

The Commission has been getting the word out through various channels and getting some positive responses from people interested in joining the Commission. A notice will be placed in the Town Newsletter as well, coming out in April. Commissioners agreed to ask interested

parties to attend at least one meeting, and after that the Commission will arrange a short “interview” during a meeting. There are presently two openings.

West Schoolhouse Update

Nothing new at this point. Geddes will contact Groves, who had mentioned an interest in doing the work but the Commission has not heard anything from him.

Unanticipated Business

Pangallo told the Commissioners that Joan Hanson, former Chair of the Friends of the Historical Commission, had stopped by and dropped off a number of items belonging to the Friends group. These include note cards & postcards that could be sold at town events to raise money for the Friends, who can then dedicate those funds to the Historical Commission. Pangallo will store them at his place for now.

Next Meeting

Commissioners decided on **Wednesday April 10th at 7 PM**. Meetings are still being held by Zoom.

Adjournment

Geddes moved to adjourn. Fernandez seconded. Fernandez, Geddes, Pangallo, & Stone voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Stone